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President Reagan and Israeli Foreign Minister Shimon Peres meet in the White House Oval Office with hopes of breathing life into a stymied U.S. plan for peace talks between Israel and its Arab neighbors. [AP LaserPhoto]

Survivors' funds missing

Scandal hits German Jews

BONN (JTA) —

The scandal surrounding the late president of the West German Jewish community, Werner Nachmann, grew in complexity last week amid implications that he may have enjoyed protection in high government circles while he was embezzling reparations funds intended for Jewish victims of Nazism.

Heinz Galinski, who succeeded Nachmann as president of the Jewish Central Council, the German Jewish community's umbrella organization, revealed that tax officials had begun to examine Nachmann's books last year but were called off after two days' work by order of high authorities in Bonn.

The Jewish community was stunned by Galinski's revelation that Nachmann probably misappropriated some $12 million. The missing money was the interest accrued on $238 million worth of reparations money provided by federal authorities between 1980 and 1987.

The fund was to be used to distribute one-time payments of 5,000 marks to Jewish victims of Nazism who came to West Germany from Eastern Europe after the 1965 deadline for filing reparations claims.

Werner Nachmann

West German radio reported that the federal prosecutor has broadened the investigation of Nachmann to include possible connections he had among ranking politicians in Bonn and elsewhere.

It is no secret that Nachmann, an industrialist who served as longtime president of the Jewish community until his death last Jan. 21 at 62, enjoyed the full confidence of Chancellor Helmut Kohl and Foreign Minister Hans-Dietrich Genscher.

The prosecutor's office is also questioning Alexander Ginsberg, veteran secretary of the Jewish Central Council who was the only individual apart from Nachmann who had access to the special account in which the reparations fund was kept.

The money was deposited mainly in the Karlsruhe branch of the French bank Societe General Alsacienne, where Nachmann also had private and business accounts.

Michael Fuerst, a lawyer and a member of the Jewish Central Council from Hanover, accused the French bank of performing illegal transactions. He charged bank officials closed their eyes to Nachmann's activities.

Legal experts and representatives of financial institutions expressed amazement that the reparations funds were managed by Nachmann without control by the government or by the Jewish community's institutions.

The fund was established by the Bonn government in 1980 after negotiations with the late Nahum Goldmann and other international Jewish leaders. The government insisted that the Jewish Central Council act as middleman, receiving the funds. The intention was to keep the money in the country as long as possible and to enhance the

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Praise for Peres triggers Likud fury

By
WOLF BLITZER

WASHINGTON & wire services —

Following a very friendly meeting last week between President Ronald Reagan and visiting Foreign Minister Shimon Perez, the White House issued a sharply worded and thinly veiled criticism of Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir and his stance on the Arab-Israeli peace process.

The written statement, released by spokesman Marlin Fitzwater, praised Peres as someone who is "creative and has the courage and wisdom to say yes when real opportunities arise." It said that "such a positive attitude toward peace is essential for both Israeli and Arab leaders if there is to be a comprehensive settlement in the region."

The statement added that Reagan "thanked Peres for his efforts on behalf of peace and his continuing commitment to negotiate it."

But at the same time and in marked contrast, the statement went on to rebuke Shamir, although the Prime Minister was not mentioned by name. "Those leaders who are negative, consistently reject new ideas, and fail to exploit realistic opportunities to bring about negotiations, make progress impossible," it said. "In the end, they will have to answer to their own people for the suffering that will inevitably result."

In Jerusalem, Shamir's office issued a statement playing down the White House remarks, saying the Reagan administration has said such things before.

But Likud ministers were furious, blasting Peres, not Reagan, for the statement. Housing Minister David Levy urged Shamir to "recall" the foreign minister from his visit to the United States. He described Peres' behavior as "political incest" and insisted there was no way now to continue the Labor-Likud unity coalition government.

Levy is a power in Likud's hard-line Herut wing. But a member of Likud's more moderate Liberal wing, Yitzhak Modai, was equally vociferous. The former finance minister, who now serves in the cabinet without portfolio, accused Peres of conniving with the White House to draft the statement.

The U.S. statement came just prior to a previously announced meeting between Peres and the Soviet ambassador in Washington, Anatoly Dubinin. The meeting was initiated by the Soviets, Israeli officials said. It was held at the Washington residence of Edgar Bronfman, president of the World Jewish Congress.

But the big news of the day was the unusually blunt White House statement, which took most observers here by surprise.

Administration officials said that the decision to praise Peres and to indirectly criticize Shamir was deliberately made following intense discussions in recent weeks at the highest levels of the U.S. government.

It was the strongest public indication to date that President Reagan and Secretary of State George Shultz wanted to signal their support for Peres in the continuing domestic political debate with Shamir.

American officials said they were determined to correct the impression left following Shamir's own visit to Washington last month. At that time, the Prime Minister maintained that his views were generally supported by the administration. Shamir played down differences with Washington.

But that rather optimistic

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Shamir warns of arms race

JERUSALEM (JTA) —

Premier Yitzhak Shamir warned last week that Middle East countries are engaged in a race to acquire sophisticated, advanced weapons systems, including chemical weapons, and he stressed that Israel cannot allow itself to fall behind.

"No matter how trying the circumstances, we cannot shut our eyes to the world around us," Shamir said in Jerusalem, at a conference of the Weizmann Institute of Science.

"Even countries which are exposed to no real threats to their security are making immense investments in arms and military equipment," said Shamir. "With so much violence and totalitarianism around us, we have no alternative but to maintain the power to deter and, if necessary, to face threats to our security."

He referred specifically to the introduction of short- and medium-range ballistic missiles into the region. "It is strange and most disturbing that while the two superpowers have agreed to limit and destroy medium-range missiles, countries in our region are in the process of acquiring the same missiles in large quantities," he said.

There was a parallel discussion at the Hebrew University's Truman Institute, where a leading Israeli China-watcher, Professor Yitzhak Shichor, discussed the implications of Saudi Arabia's recent purchase of intermediate-range missiles from China.

He said the deal was surprising because Saudi Arabia does not recognize the People's Republic of China and continues to support Taiwan politically. Nevertheless, there is a steadily developing relationship between the two countries. Chinese exports to Saudi Arabia have averaged a quarter billion dollars annually in recent years, Shichor said.

Shamir, in his talk, spoke of "alarming" reports on "the development of poison gas and chemical weapons by Arab governments."

"The use of such terrible tools of death in the Iran-Iraq war should have triggered an international outcry and prompted determined action by the civilized world," he said.

"Governments which use these weapons in contravention of international conventions and basic human morality should be irreversibly condemned," Shamir said. **(See page 2)**

Toronto UJA meets with Peres

By
BELINDA SILBERMAN

TORONTO —

Israeli Foreign Affairs Minister Shimon Peres made a brief unofficial overnight trip to Toronto last week to attend private meetings.

During his 10½-hour stay here, the 64-year-old politician held two meetings at his downtown Four Seasons Hotel, said Jewish communal leader Phil Granovsky, who coordinated Peres' trip to Toronto and arranged his meetings here.

He also visited a Jarvis Street television studio where he was interviewed live on NBC television's Good Morning America. Peres did not grant interviews to Canadian journalists.

Granovsky, a close friend of Peres, said the minister, who flew in from Washington, came at his invitation. The trip to Canada was arranged about a week before his arrival, he said.

According to Granovsky, Peres arrived about 11.15 p.m. on the first day and was met at Toronto international airport by Benjamin Abileah, the Israeli consul-general in Toronto.

The minister was taken to his hotel in Yorkville and went straight to bed, said Granovsky, who is on the Jewish Agency's executive and is the international president of United Israel Appeal-Keren Hayesod.

The next morning, after returning from a 9-minute interview at the TV studio, Peres met with a United Jewish Appeal group of young leaders, he said.

Picture on page 6.

The 25 participants, aged 28 to 40, were members of leading philanthropic Jewish families, said Steve Ain, executive director of Toronto Jewish Congress/UJA. The group, known as Project 2000, is chaired by Brent Belzberg and Neil Nisker.

During the 30-minute meeting, Peres updated the group on the current situation in the Middle East. He also spoke about his trip abroad during the previous week, his meetings with Soviet officials and the depth of friendship shown by the United States to Israel during the Reagan administration, noted Ain, who also attended the meeting.

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"Unlardly" ties in Holy Land

REINA (JPFS) —

Bacon may soon be harder to come by in Israel, if Moslem fundamentalists have their way. Arab residents of the township of Reina, near Nazareth, where some 40% of the local pig industry is based, have prevented Jewish farmers from continuing with their pig farming, representatives of the municipal pig-breeders association said last week.

At a press conference in Tel Aviv, they charged that the Moslem residents of the town have succeeded in getting the state prosecutor — "who happens to be religious" — to issue an order to evict them from the land on which the pigs have been bred for 25 years. Moreover, they said, the Arab residents had no intention of paying them any compensation for their loss.

According to a law passed in 1963, Reina is one of a handful of places in Israel where pig breeding is allowed. Virtually all are Arab townships. Ya'acov Levy, one of the breeders, said that unless something is done to reverse this order, a severe shortage of pork, ham and bacon will result, driving prices up dramatically.

The municipal council of Reina voted to ban pig breeding in the township on the grounds that it violated Moslem law. The breeders' representatives said there were also "nationalistic" motives involved.

Notice

We went to press several days earlier because of the Shavuoth holiday. News we missed will appear in our next edition.

World-National

Rabbi's tenure short-lived

By
RABBI W. GUNTHER PLAUT

Some months ago Rabbi Isaac Neuman was installed as East Berlin's first rabbi in over 20 years. We were assured by the propaganda mill of the German Democratic Republic that this would initiate a new era in Jewish life in that nation's capital. In contrast to West Berlin, with its tens of thousands of our people and a well-organized community, East Berlin has only some 350 registered Jews, the whole country showing fewer than one thousand altogether.

Rabbi Plaut

Therefore, the apparently significant effort made by the communist government to secure a rabbi was to be commended. Polish-born Rabbi Neuman was a survivor of Nazi concentration camps, had come to the United States in 1950 and had served in Champaign, Illinois, and Cedar Rapids, Iowa (where my brother Walter, *alav ha-shalom*, had once been spiritual leader).

When last summer the communists decided that a rabbi in their midst would considerably brighten their image, they searched far and wide and found Rabbi Neuman willing to serve. He had just reached retirement age and was ready to try his hand at doing an unusual mitzvah. When he arrived in September, he was greeted with great hoopla and considerable attention from the media, and his picture, showing him holding a Sefer Torah, appeared in many a newspaper, Jewish and Gentile. It was news indeed: "Communists open door for religion!" And not just any communists: these were the East Germans who have (unlike the West Germans) steadfastly refused to pay any restitution to victims of the Nazis and have — perhaps not by coincidence — been among Israel's bitterest antagonists.

When I read about it I was reminded of my own visit to East Berlin, back in the 1960s. My wife and I had looked for the home in which I was brought up, and found that it had been destroyed. We went to the cemetery in Weissensee which had served as the final resting place for many generations of a once-flourishing community. But the gates were closed and we had considerable difficulty gaining someone's attention. When at last we were admitted we had chanced upon the rabbi of East Berlin, who lived in the caretaker's place of the cemetery.

We climbed the stairs and saw him in his dingy quarters. To our surprise, we found very little of any rabbinic ambience. There were a few Hebrew books in a locked glass case which did not seem to have been opened for some time.

The rabbi, if in fact he was one, avoided all discussion of Jewish life in the city but steered the conversation to other topics. He boasted repeatedly that he had been decorated by the regime for encouraging citizens to build the Berlin Wall. It was a discouraging visit, and later we were told that the man whom we had seen had no scholarly qualifications, but had been appointed "rabbi" by the communist regime, and that before the war he had been a caretaker of the cemetery — where he still lived.

And now all this was supposed to have changed with Rabbi Neuman's arrival. His headquarters would be the Rykestrasse synagogue (where I had spent many a Shabbat morning service when I was young), and he would be given every opportunity to expand Jewish life in the city and the country. But a friend of ours, Rabbi Ernest Lorge of Chicago, who had served as a High Holy Day rabbi in East Berlin some time before, had warned us that the "Neuman news" would most likely turn out to be a propaganda front with very little substance. It now seems that he judged the situation all too correctly.

For recently, I read that Rabbi Neuman had quit his post, after little more than half a year's service. The newspaper report was brief. The rabbi had said that working conditions were the reason for his leaving. He had been quite specific: "There regularly are informers at every worship service and at every class."

Some working conditions indeed! However, Rabbi Neuman added that he might return in September. For the sake of the Jews he served I hope that conditions will improve and allow him to go back, at least for a while longer.

Syria's capability bodes ill for Israel

Chemical warfare clouds horizon

By
DAVID GORE

JERUSALEM (JPFS) — While attention in Israel has been focused on the Palestinian uprising in recent months, developments in another part of the region could have an equally profound effect on the future security of the Jewish state.

Those developments have been occurring in the Iran-Iraq War, where new patterns and standards of warfare are being established in the Middle East.

The latest example of this — widely seen on television recently — were the horrifying effects of Iraq's chemical-weapons attack on Halabja in Iraqi Kurdistan. Estimates of the number of dead in this Kurdish town, which had a population of some 60,000, range from 3,000 to 5,000.

With chemical munitions proliferating in many armies of the Middle East, the eerie images of Halabja have a relevance for the Arab-Israeli military balance as well.

Chemical warfare (CW) — once called gas warfare — was supposed to have been outlawed by the international community in the aftermath of World War I.

In the 1980s, the number of violations of the 1925 ban has surged. There is evidence that chemical weapons have been used in Afghanistan, Angola (against the anti-government Unita movement) and Laos.

Clearly, however, the most blatant and large-scale violations have been conducted by the Iraqi armed forces, despite the fact that Iraq is a signatory to the Geneva protocol. Indeed, Iraqi chemical operations may be setting precedents and standards that other Middle East countries will follow.

How have chemical weapons been used by the Iraqis? One of the leading authorities on non-conventional warfare in the Middle East is Brigadier-General (res.) Aharon Levran, editor of *The Middle East Military Balance* produced by the Jaffee Center for Strategic Studies at Tel Aviv University.

According to his analysis, there are distinct patterns in Iraq's use of chemical weapons. First, the Iraqis resorted to chemical attacks when its forces were in severe distress, particularly when vital defensive lines were about to be breached by Iranian forces.

At the same time, it must be added, the Iraqis have attacked the Iranian civilian rear with conventional weapons delivered by missiles and fighter-bombers.

It must also be noted that since April, 1987, the Iraqis have launched chemical attacks against their own Kurdish citizens, according to Levran. The gruesome assault on Halabja was but one example of this.

What application does all this have for the Arab-Israel conflict? In this sector of the Middle East, a number of Israel's neighbors reportedly have a chemical-warfare capability.

Egypt's expertise in this area dates back to the early 1960s, when Egyptian forces used mustard gas against Saudi-supported forces in the Yemen Civil War. Egypt's longstanding experience in chemical warfare and its presumably improved capabilities are not of direct concern, however, as long as the Egyptian-Israeli peace treaty remains intact.

In the mid-80s, Libya is thought to have sought — and acquired — a chemical-warfare capability. Certainly Iraq's chemical weaponry could play a role in a future Arab-Israeli conflict if even a token Iraqi expeditionary force joins a war coalition against Israel following the conclusion of the Gulf War.

In addition, Iraq's Soviet-made ballistic missiles, currently employed against Teheran, could threaten strategic targets in Israel from Iraq's western panhandle.

For Israel, the cause for immediate concern is Syria's chemical-warfare capability. Following the Iraqi example, Syria might reserve its chemical forces for tactical attacks on advancing units of Israeli forces involved in counter-attacks deep in Syrian territory.

Alternatively, chemical weapons might be held in reserve to deter Israeli strategic strikes on Syria. Such weapons — sometimes described as "the poor man's bomb" — offer Syria a form of deterrent against Israel's reputed nuclear capability.

A worst-case scenario of a Syrian chemical strike would be a bolt-out-of-the-blue attack against Israeli military and civilian targets in order to achieve an early advantage in the opening stage of a surprise attack.

Many factors will go into a Syrian decision to use chemical weapons. Israel's retaliatory options will undoubtedly figure most prominently in such considerations. Another major factor will be the possible reaction of the international community, particularly the superpowers.

Arab-Jewish dialogue is spirited, but not violent

By
CARL ALPERT

HAIFA —

Confrontations between Israelis and Arabs take place not only in the teeming alleys of refugee camps in Gaza, in the casba of Hebron, and on the open roads which run between Arab villages and Jewish settlements in Judea and Samaria. Nor are all such confrontations violent. There are times when spokesmen of both sides meet together for honest discussion of their problems, outside the framework of government or the military.

One such frank and refreshing exchange of views took place, appropriately enough, on the campus of Haifa University — appropriately, because at this university Arabs constitute 18% of the student body, almost exactly the same as the percentage of Arabs in the population of Israel. The Arab perspective of the symposium was obvious in the title: Israel's Arabs Toward the Nineties.

There were sharp divergences of outlook, but the participants exchanged opinions without raising their voices and without pounding on the table. Indeed, as academic colleagues, the various speakers were almost all on a first name basis, as George and Eppy and Gaby and the others sought to reason with each other.

In our limited space we can provide only fragmentary excerpts, but even these should suffice to illustrate the mood and the spirit when moderates on both sides refrain from passion or emotion.

George Kanazi, director of the university's Jewish-Arab Center, pinpointed the spirit of dissatisfaction among Israel's Arabs when he declared that they are putting up a battle for equal rights as citizens of Israel, while at the same time they feel themselves to be a part of the Palestinian nation. Much of the presentation by the Arabs during the all-day session emphasized their feeling of being second class citizens. They do not serve in the army, and consider that they suffer from economic, social and educational discrimination.

"Yes, we identify with our Palestinian brethren across the border," declared Majid Al-Haj, a Haifa University faculty member, "but we are also citizens of the state, and we want equality. We want no violence, but unfortunately criminal elements have sought to capitalize on the situation. The press latches onto the extremists on our side as if they represent all Arabs — as if all Arabs want to end the state of Israel. All surveys and polls show that even if a Palestine state is established, the Arabs of Israel will want to continue to live here as citizens of this state."

Prof. Ephraim Yaar, of Tel Aviv University, was less sanguine. Internal modernization in the Arab community, added to the pressure of external influences, have taught Israel's Arabs to raise their heads and assert themselves; the process can not be stopped. "Even if they had been given all the equalities they sought, the continuing process would have been inevitable." Any fulfilment of a desire leads to maximalization and further demands, he asserted. So long as Israel retains its Zionist character, with Jewishness as a central element, the Arabs will never be able to adjust, and they will seek social and national consciousness of their own.

Yosef Ginat, former advisor on Arab affairs to Shimon Peres when the latter was Prime Minister, went further. There are greater extremists among the Arabs in Israel than in the West Bank, he declared. Some say openly: a Palestine state, from the river to the sea.

During the open discussion period, an Israeli Arab in the audience spoke up honestly: "The Arabs who stay here, even when a Palestine state is established, cannot forget that this was the land of their fathers, and they will not give up the memory."

Prof. Gabriel Ben-Dor, rector of the university, noted that by the year 2,000, Arabs will be 23% of the population of Israel, which would entitle them to over 20 seats in the Knesset.

Prof. Arnon Sofer painted a darker picture. He warned that it was not inconceivable, after establishment of a Palestine state alongside Israel, for Arabs in thickly settled Arab areas, like the Galilee or the Triangle, to demand a degree of national autonomy of their own, within Israel.

A crisis was seen even in the immediate future. Hitherto, the greater part of the Israeli Arab vote had no fixed loyalty, and 50% even voted for non-Arab parties, Ben-Dor said. That situation is changing rapidly, and Ginat warned that they already hold the balance of power, and in the coming election could determine whether Peres or Shamir would be Premier.

The discussion ground on. Prof. Baruch Kipnis urged the promotion of peaceful coexistence by greater commercial association between the two groups, and the sharing of various public facilities, thus gradually wearing down the sharp points of difference.

Perhaps Prof. Baruch Kipnis, of the university's geography department, summed up the situation best of all. He is an optimist, he said, adding that a pessimist is also an optimist — but one with experience.

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Says ordeal's end marked return to reality

Reporter tells of twilight world of Zundel trial

By
PAUL LUNGEN

TORONTO —

I have just returned from several months in a twilight zone of reality, where fact and reason were casually dismissed in favor of a racist, hateful ideology built on a "bedrock" of giant lies.

Week after week, day after day, I have attended the trial of Ernst Zundel, who stood charged with publishing lies about the Holocaust.

Each morning getting off the subway, I wended my way past men and women going about their daily business, most of them firmly ensconced in the realities of day-to-day living.

Entering courtroom 4-6, I found myself in quite a different world — where Nazi apologists, taking advantage of the Canadian legal system's broad latitude in presenting a defence, paraded their irrational and hateful views.

For the greater part of the last three months, defence witnesses testifying on behalf of this history falsifier repeated the most outrageous lies, concocted the most incredible fabrications and distorted the most obvious facts.

Zundel supporters mocked the suffering of Holocaust survivors while fervently believing the incredibly arrogant and twisted denial of one of the most well documented events in history.

They peremptorily dismissed the testimony of such respected scholars as Christopher Browning and Raul Hilberg, the latter considered the dean of Holocaust historians, while trumpeting the evidence presented by a host of crackpot Nazi apologists.

They snickered and jeered at heartrending stories from the Holocaust inferno yet had no trouble believing the most incredible allegations of "Zionist conspiracies" and manipulation.

Most egregiously, they denied the suffering of survivors, whose torment was etched on their faces, but believed the stories of crotchety old men who claim Zionists and Jewish bankers fomented World War II.

For someone who has attended both Zundel trials, it still boggles the mind that these lunatic ideas have a constituency.

But they do.

With a fervor one might associate with cultists following a cult master, "Zundelites" marched into court each day to hear the testimony of these twisted minds. They believed and were reassured by what they heard.

A disturbing scene from the 4-month trial that sticks in my mind was the look on the face of a woman listening to Zundel speaking in legal proceeding with the jury absent (because they were not present, the press could not report it at the time). He was testifying about the voluntariness of

Ernst Zundel

a statement he made to police in which he talked about the book *The Hitler We Loved and Why* — which bore his middle names, Christof Friedrich as co-author, but which Zundel, unbelievably, denied writing.

Germans loved Hitler, Zundel testified. He put people to work, he was good with children, he loved animals, he promoted the White race and fought its enemies, and so on ad nauseam.

The woman sat at the edge of her seat, leaning forward as if to get closer, eyes transfixed on Zundel, a smile on her face, her head sometimes nodding, lips moving saying "yes, yes."

She might have been a character caught in a newsreel film from a 1930s Nuremberg rally, a total believer in the Nazi cause.

If you hadn't attended a court session, seen and listened to these supporters of Zundel, it was hard to imagine anyone believing in and being swayed by these Nazi apologists. As District Court Judge Ron Thomas stated, the Holocaust is so notorious an event as not to be doubted by reasonable people.

But the Zundelites doubted — despite the effective cross-examination by Crown attorney John Pearson.

They smiled like children when hearing the most distorted rendering of history by people who proudly admitted they would not read the works of other writers.

Their reporters put down their pens when their "experts" were cross-examined and shown to be unqualified, incompetent show-boaters with exaggerated senses of self-importance.

A document that explicitly stated gas chambers were installed at Birkenau didn't mean that at all, these witnesses said.

A speech by Heinrich Himmler in 1943 that openly spoke of "exterminating" the Jewish race didn't mean that at all, said a document "expert," who has criticized mainstream historians for not giving a literal interpretation to wartime papers.

Gas chambers were unfeasible since they were not properly sealed and escaping gas would put people downwind in danger of their lives, they claimed. To these witnesses and "Zundelites" it seemed more dangerous to be outside a gas chamber than inside.

Reports by the SD, the SS's security police that shot Jews en masse behind the advancing German army in Russia, employed exaggerated figures of slaughtered Jews to impress their superiors, the court was told in one breath, but no explanation was offered why the SD would want to exaggerate those figures. Why SD members would hope to impress their superiors by inflating the number of killed Jews did not seem to occur to these believers.

But while the Zundel supporters smiled in glee at the testimony of defence witnesses, and sneered at or looked at each other in disbelief at testimony that contradicted it, Zundel sat at the counsel table, industrially taking notes with the same expressionless look on his face.

Where many of his followers were living in a fantasy world, believing the jury would be swayed by the testimony of defence witnesses, Zundel knew better.

So with the trial nearing an end, he sent out a distress call to controversial history writer David Irving, who told reporters outside court Zundel called him "in a panic," asking him to testify.

Irving, the "star" in the deniers' collection of witnesses and misfits did not convince the jurors.

* * *

The sheer numbing weight of the repeated denials of the Holocaust, the anti-Jewish accusations, as ridiculous and unbelievable as they are, took their toll on court observers, myself included. As a Jew, one felt under constant assault, mired in the Nazis' hateful slime, the subject of so much animosity and lies.

For the survivors who attended, the feelings were even stronger.

Henry Winkler, who attended court on an almost daily basis, said listening to the testimony deeply "hurt" him. In an interview during a break in the proceedings, he recalled his arrival at Auschwitz, which one defence witness had compared to a resort camp.

"My mother went to the left hand side, was looking back," he said as he averted his glance and his eyes reddened. "I'll never forget."

Despite the bitter memories, Winkler said he was happy he attended court. "Now I know what's going on around the world," he said, referring to the network of Holocaust-deniers revealed in court, most of whom were linked to the California-based Institute of Historical Review. "They are all involved with Zundel."

Anna Farkas, 66, attended court almost daily. A survivor of Mauthausen, she recalled that in the camp barracks each day corpses were piled so high "you wouldn't believe it."

When asked why she attended court she merely said: "I am a Jew, and a survivor. I had lots of relatives who died in the camps."

Fanny Pillersdorf, 63, was another survivor whose memories of Blechamer camp in Silesia spurred her to attend the trial.

Fanny Pillersdorf

"Since I'm in court, everything came back to me. I don't sleep nights, I'm nervous. My husband tells me not to come to court, but I cannot stay home. I'm too nervous to stay home," she said.

Especially painful for Pillersdorf was lining up outside the courtroom alongside Zundel supporters, waiting for seats inside.

"Staying in line and listening to the remarks...the way they were talking to us; it's just like again in the concentration camp," Pillersdorf said.

Cruel and insensitive remarks were directed at the Jews standing in line and in the court building: "The best Jew is a dead Jew; you Jews will burn again; your children will suffer because of this; the Jews are exaggerating."

One Jewish man was spat upon.

Rose Ehrenworth, a member of the Canadian Holocaust Remembrance Association, whose co-founder, Sabina Citron, laid the charge against Zundel, said survivors are the last people who should be subject to such abuse. Toronto has 130,000 Jews, she said. "How can they stay home under such circumstances?"

Boosting the morale of the survivors was the support of a number of non-Jews who attended the trial. One elderly man of German descent, who asked that his name not be used, was berated by Zundel supporters for his stand, he told The CJN.

His father during the war helped feed Jews in a ghetto, he said. Because it was illegal to do so, he did not openly give them bread and produce. But he let it be known that the Jews could "steal" what they wanted — he would avert his attention.

When the Nazis caught on, his father was forced to end the subterfuge. His father's cousin was arrested as a political prisoner and sent to Auschwitz.

John Pearson

Soon after he came to Canada five years ago, he became interested in Zundel's activities. After seeing his helmeted supporters at Toronto's old city hall courthouse, he said to a friend from his church: "That's not good for Canada. We don't need that here.

"Zundel supporters accused me of not being a good German," he said. "I don't mind. I'm standing up for righteousness, for truth, that's all."

Among the spectators who regularly attended court was Sister Marge Boyle of the Christian Jewish Dialogue of Toronto.

Often wearing a tiny yellow ribbon on her lapel as a symbol of solidarity with the Jewish victims of Zundel's propaganda, Boyle said she felt strongly "in terms of being a Christian witness to the whole moral question.

"The judge said it beautifully," she said. "This is not just a Jewish question, it goes across the board to religious tolerance."

"Seeing what the testimony did to these people was one of the more terrible things I've experienced," Boyle said. "The pain they were going through was terrible.

"Their gratitude for being there was overwhelming. I was just doing what any decent person should do.

"You can read about this stuff in the papers, in magazines, but until you experience it, it doesn't have a stinging reality.

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"Some were kooks," she said. "I can write them off. The ones that appear reasonable...I think they are frightening."

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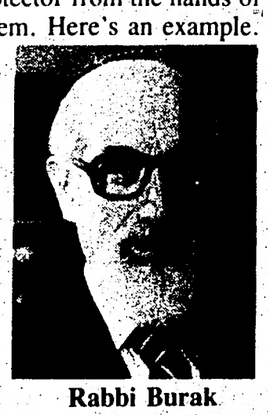
QUESTION: If I am summoned to a Din Torah, am I obligated to come? Am I not permitted to refuse? What should my attitude be if I do come and the Beth Din rules against me?

The Beth Din has always been the defender of honest men and their protector from the hands of those who would rob them. Here's an example.



Rabbi Burak

The law of the Torah states that when a man sells a house in a walled city, he was permitted to redeem it at once, and at any time during the 12 months following the sale. If he didn't redeem it by the last day of the year, he lost the right to redeem it.

Such properties were very desirable, and the thought of losing it through redemption was just too painful for the buyer to contemplate. What did he do? "He used to hide himself on the last day of the twelve months, so that the house might be his permanent possession." That's what the Mishnah, 'Erakin, Chapter 9:4, tells us.

What did the Sages do about it? Injustice was not tolerated, the same Mishnah tells us. "Hillel ordained that he (that sold it) should deposit his money in the lishkah, and break down the door (of the house) and enter. And that the other, whenever he wanted, might come and take his money."

Most of the authorities take it for granted that the lishkah referred to is a chamber in the Sanctuary. But, a note in the Soncino translation shows that this is untenable. "No house in Jerusalem could fall to the purchaser (at the end of the year), and for an inhabitant of the province the procedure of bringing the money to Jerusalem on a particular day might be very burdensome.

"Rabbenu Gershon suggests it was a chamber constructed *ad hoc* in any court of justice wherein the case arose." There you have a portrait of a Beth Din at work, defending and protecting those who were about to be deprived of their birthright. If you are clean, why are you afraid?

There is a time when one who is summoned need not attend; but even then, one goes. Here is the source on which this is based. In Tractate Kiddushin, 70A, we are told that Rab Yehudah was summoned to a lawsuit before Rab Nachman. "When the writ of summons was brought, he went before Rab Huna, and asked him 'Shall I go, or not?'

" 'Actually,' he replied, 'you need not go, for you are a great man; but, in honor of the *Nasi's* house, arise and go.' " You see, Rab Yehudah was a very eminent man, and might have challenged Rab Nachman's right of jurisdiction. But, since Rab Nachman was the son-in-law of the official head of the Babylonian Jewish community, his advisor felt he ought to go to Rab Nachman.

Now, if you are an eminent Torah scholar, greater than the one who summoned you, you might get away with it. But, remember, that only worked on a one to one basis. When a Beth Din, a rabbinical court issues the summons, that's another matter. A single scholar cannot outweigh a Beth Din. It requires another Beth Din, one that is greater in numbers and eminence, to negate the ruling of a Beth Din.

It is true that an invitation to appear is not exactly a compliment. In Ethics of the Fathers, Chapter 1:8, Yehudah ben Tabbai says: "When the parties to a suit are standing before thee, let them both be regarded by thee as wicked; and when they are departed from thy presence, regard them both as innocent, the verdict having been acquiesced in by them."

For the exact meaning of this text one must consult Bertinora in Hebrew, or the commentary by Chief Rabbi Hertz z.l. But the Gaon, Rabbi N.Z.H. Rif z.l. explained it at the end of a Din Torah involving two men of quality: that a man's quality shines through in the way he responds to the ruling, when it goes against him.

A good man says "thank you," and acts upon it at once. No delays.

Bronfman reports on meeting with Shevardnadze

Hints of changes in Soviet policy

JERUSALEM (JTA) — Jewish emigration from the Soviet Union is "a problem that should be dealt with," Soviet Foreign Minister Eduard Shevardnadze reportedly told the president of the World Jewish Congress in Moscow.

Shevardnadze held a meeting with WJC leader Edgar Bronfman as a prelude to the summit conference between President Reagan and Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev, to be held in Moscow from May 29 to June 2.

Bronfman, who arrived here on a direct flight from Moscow, met with Israeli Premier Yitzhak Shamir and told the Israeli leader that this was the first such statement by a senior Soviet official.

Bronfman has held several meetings in the past with high ranking Soviet officials in which the issue of Jewish emigration has been discussed.

Following his meeting with Shamir, Bronfman also told journalists that he had been given a message from Shevardnadze to Shamir, but he refused to disclose its contents.

In addition to his encounter with Shevardnadze, Bronfman also met with other high ranking Soviet officials and said he detected "a new positive atmosphere," which is bound to influence the issue of Jewish emigration as well as Soviet-Israeli relations.

Bronfman, whose private jet landed at Atarot Airport, just north of Jerusalem, following the flight from Moscow, said his direct flight to Israel caused much excitement at the Moscow airport.

While in Moscow, Bronfman also met with Jewish activists. He said they conveyed a sense of urgency for the need to act speedily, making optimum use of Moscow's new attitude toward expanding Jewish cultural rights and increased emigration. The activists expressed concern that Gorbachev's "perestroika" (restructuring) will not last long.

Bronfman told reporters that in the matters of the Middle East peace process and an international conference, Soviet officials had expressed varying views, but had all stressed Soviet support for a role for the United Nations in the political process.

At the news conference held at the King David Hotel here, Shamir described Bronfman's report as "a very interesting one", and said he agreed with the Jewish leader that this is the time to step up efforts for Soviet Jewish emigration.

Vienna stop to remain

VIENNA (JTA) —

Soviet officials have categorically denied reports that Jewish emigrants would in the future be required to travel via Bucharest directly to Israel.

Jews applying for exit visas will still have the option to emigrate by way of Vienna, where they may decide which country to go to, Karl Blecha, the Austrian interior minister, told reporters in Moscow last week.

Blecha, who was visiting the Soviet Union to coordinate anti-drug enforcement measures, said the Soviet officials informed him that Jewish emigres would still have freedom of choice.

Blecha said he expects an increase in Jewish emigration through Vienna this year because of a more liberal Soviet policy in granting exit visas. The number of Jews leaving the Soviet Union rose from around 1,000 in 1986 to more than 8,000 in 1987. During the first four months of 1988, nearly 4,000 Soviet Jews passed through Vienna, Blecha said.

Israeli authorities, concerned over the high rate of "dropouts" — Soviet Jews who go to countries other than Israel after leaving the Soviet Union with Israeli visas — have been urging direct flights from Moscow to Tel Aviv in order to bypass Vienna.

This past year, direct flights have been inaugurated via Bucharest, where Soviet Jews can pick up their visas at the Israeli mission. Romania is the only Eastern bloc nation that has full diplomatic relations with Israel.

Case may be raised at summit

WASHINGTON (JTA) —

More than 60 senators have asked President Reagan to raise the case of Soviet Refusenik Abe Stolar, who is a U.S. citizen, during his summit with Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev May 29-June 2 in Moscow.

In addition, Sen. Paul Simon wrote Jack Matlock, U.S. ambassador to the Soviet Union, requesting "time for (Stolar) to meet with President Reagan during the summit." Simon told Matlock that "Abe and President Reagan are both the same age, both grew up in Illinois, and both are (Chicago) Cub fans."

The letters were released at a press conference by Simon and Sen. Carl Levin. Simon said that Stolar voted for Reagan in the 1984 election on his absentee ballot, while Levin said he mailed Stolar's ballot for the 1988 presidential primary after visiting him a few months ago.

Stolar's parents, who emigrated from Russia to Chicago in 1910, a year before he was born, returned to Russia in the 1930s with him and his older sister. His father, Moshe, disappeared during Stalin's purges in 1936 and his mother and sister died in Siberian concentration camps.

Stolar served in the Soviet Army during World War II and then became a radio announcer.

The senators, in their letter to Reagan, said that Stolar, first applied to emigrate in 1974. Stolar, his wife, Gita, who was born in Minsk, and their son, Michael, were refused repeatedly until 1985, when the Soviets said they could leave, but only if Julia, Michael's wife, was left behind.

At that point, the Stolars refused, "and continue to refuse to leave without the entire family," the senators told Reagan. They explained that Julia has twice been denied an exit visa because her mother — whom she has not seen in eight years — refuses to grant her permission.

"(Julia's) mother's unwillingness to give her permission is the only obstacle preventing the Stolars from leaving," the letter said. "The Soviets have waived the requirement for parental permission in other cases. It is our hope that they will do so again."

Austrian rejects collective guilt

VIENNA (JTA) —

Chancellor Franz Vranitzky of Austria has rejected the idea that Austrians must bear the burden of collective guilt for the crimes of the Nazi era.

Addressing more than 15,000 persons attending a memorial gathering at Mauthausen last week, to commemorate the 43rd anniversary of the liberation of the concentration camp by American troops, Vranitzky said more Austrians suffered Nazi persecution than is generally known abroad.

Austria, therefore, ought not accept the thesis of collective guilt, even though Austria was hardly unfriendly to the Nazi regime, said Vranitzky, the leader of the Socialist Party.

"One can never deal enough with the past," the chancellor said. "We received our identity today through the resistance against the Nazis. The Austrian state is the antithesis of the National Socialist regime of injustice," he added.

Vranitzky castigated xenophobic tendencies in Austria today, which he called new forms of anti-semitism.

The memorial gathering was attended by the U.S. ambassador to Austria, Henry Grunwald, and the Israeli charge d'affaires, Gideon Yarden.

Prices surge in April

JERUSALEM (JPFS) —

The consumer price index for April shocked the economic establishment by rising 2.7%, the highest single monthly increase since November, 1986.

The main culprit in the higher-than-expected rise was a massive jump in the prices of fruits and vegetables. These showed an overall increase of 19.4%, while the narrower group of fresh vegetables soared by 29.4% in one month.

Even these figures, however, paled into insignificance when compared with the 210% leap in the price of watermelons, 114.5% in tomatoes, 54.5% in radishes and over 30% in strawberries and artichokes.

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Conciliatory meeting held with Jackson

LOS ANGELES (JTA) — The Rev. Jesse Jackson told a delegation of Jewish leaders here last week that he is "the personification of the Black people, and if you attack me you attack Blacks."

He also said, "My view of the Middle East is the view of Blacks."

But by most accounts, those statements were as blunt as the rhetoric got at what was described as a mainly conciliatory meeting between the Democratic presidential contender and an ad hoc group of 40 Jewish leaders.

The 90-minute, closed-door meeting, held on the neutral grounds of the Hollywood Roosevelt Hotel, was called by Rabbi Allen Freehling, a liberal Reform rabbi, to engage Jackson and a handful of Black supporters in a "forthright dialogue without being confrontational and hostile."

The tone of conciliation was largely maintained throughout the meeting and apparently healed some of the emotional scars left by New York Mayor Ed Koch's attacks on Jackson during the recent New York primary. It also appeared to ease some of the resentment many Jews feel regarding Jackson's past embrace of Palestine Liberation Organization leader Yasser Arafat and the candidate's 1984 description of Jews as "Hymies."

Jackson, who has formally apologized for the "Hymie" slur, said that he met with Arafat as a possible opening toward peace talks.

Asked at the meeting why he did not disavow the support of Black Moslem leader Louis Farrakhan, a militant anti-semite, Jackson responded that he trusted the Jewish community to handle the problem of the extremist Jewish Defence League and he would have to be trusted to handle similar problems in the Black community.

Most of the Jewish participants declared themselves highly satisfied with the meeting. Freehling said that he "was filled with high emotion and a sense of fulfilment."

The potential impact of the meeting was diluted by the absence of representatives of the mainstream Jewish community, who declined to come, mainly on the grounds that Jackson had insisted on a private meeting, rather than a public debate.

Jackson, after appealing to Jews and Blacks to "move aside the mountain of fear," said he will meet in New York with heads of major Jewish organizations sometime in June.

Bank director resigns

JERUSALEM (JTA) — **A controversy over alleged inflated salaries paid to bank executives has prompted the resignation of Moshe Mann, managing director of the Bank Tefahot, Israel's largest mortgage bank.**

Mann, whose remuneration greatly exceeded that of his counterparts at other banks, refused to accept an adjustment. He opted for early retirement with a "golden parachute" that, according to the Jerusalem Post, includes "a hefty pension and severance pay in the order of 1 million shekels."

Excessive salaries

Michael Bruno, governor of the Bank of Israel, the country's central bank, told the Knesset finance committee that Mann stepped down under pressure from the central bank's supervisor of banks.

Bruno himself was assailed by committee members for failing to practice what he preaches. He has reportedly given raises to four senior central bank officials. They now gross 5,300 shekels a month compared to the 4,850 shekels paid cabinet ministers.

Uprising claims restaurant

JERUSALEM (JPFS) — The hand grenades and petrol bombs thrown at Shraga Rozenzwige's Sea Dolphin restaurant over the past 21 years did not succeed in scaring away the first Jew to set up shop in East Jerusalem.

But now, with no customers and no offer of help from the government, Rozenzwige is moving his popular seafood spot to the west side of town.

Rozenzwige, 45, was the first Jew to go into East Jerusalem after the 1967 war and to open a business with an Arab partner. His restaurant became a symbol of Israel's unification of the city — and also the target of 11 attacks.

Twice, grenades were hurled at the restaurant; one actually landed inside while people were eating, but did not go off. A bomb exploded by the doorway in 1979, killing one person and injuring 14 diners. In 1970-72 and 1981-82, Border Policemen stood guard at the door.

"All those attacks didn't succeed in moving us from the Sea Dolphin, because the clients kept coming and we had the support of the authorities," Rozenzwige said. "After every attack, people like Golda (Meir) and Teddy Kollek would come to visit."

But since the beginning of the uprising in December, he said, "no one was interested. People stopped coming, and the authorities haven't offered to help."

He is now negotiating for several spots in West Jerusalem, where he plans to reopen in a few weeks. He has not yet sold the restaurant on El Rashid Street, but he will do so if the situation does not change soon.

Pioneering effort ends

A Jerusalem native, Rozenzwige comes from a family that sold fish in Mahane Yehuda (the Jewish market) and Aza Street.

When he opened his restaurant, he saw it as a pioneering act, a way of "implementing the unification of the city."

After seven years, his Arab partner, Khir Abu Nadr, left with his family to live in the U.S. He was murdered in Syria in 1978 while visiting his brother. Abu Nadr's wife told Rozenzwige that he was murdered because of his business partnership with an Israeli.

So determined was Rozenzwige not to be terrorized out of East Jerusalem that he was open again a day after the bomb exploded in 1979.

That next morning, friends, relatives, and regular customers helped repair the damage. In the evening, the kitchen opened, and the house was full. There was still a hole in the floor.

"Until now, all the attacks were carried out by terrorist cells, and all of them were caught," he said. "Today, it's the uprising of a population. It's much more significant."

He estimated that he had lost $50,000 in business since the uprising began. The losses have been offset by the new restaurant he and his wife, Dalya, opened in Tel Aviv seven months ago.

But clearly, money has not been their sole consideration.

"I feel bitterly disappointed," he said. "After 21 years, you build up a business and feel like you've been a pioneer. And then you're forced to move to another place."

Israeli arms sales to U.S. continue 4-year growth

WASHINGTON (JTA) — **Israel's weapons sales to the United States rose from $9 million in 1983 to $250 million in 1987 and "will continue to grow," U.S. Defence Secretary Frank Carlucci said last week.**

"There is little doubt that purchases from Israel will continue to grow, even with severe fiscal pressures on U.S. defence spending," Carlucci said in a speech to the opening session of the 29th annual policy conference of the American Israel Public Affairs Committee.

Carlucci, who described Israel as "a faithful friend in a turbulent region," said, "Israel will remain an important source of (weapons) systems that are proven and ready in some cases, saving the U.S. the time and expense of developing its own."

Carlucci spoke one month after Israel and the U.S. signed a memorandum of agreement that institutionalized the meetings of ecomonic, political and military working groups of the two countries.

The immense increase of American military purchases from Israel stems from an earlier agreement, the memorandum of understanding on strategic cooperation

Carlucci made the point that Israel is the largest single recipient of American security assistance, "all in the form of grants, not loans."

He said U.S. funds have gone to support "every major weapons system" built by Israel, including fighter planes, surveillance aircraft and tanks.

Also, according to Carlucci, the Pentagon spends 54% of its budget allocated for the evaluation of foreign weapons on testing weapons made in Israel.

He said American funds are now being used to upgrade the Israeli navy's coastal patrol force.

Meanwhile, a former senior Reagan administration official warned that because of Pentagon budget cutting, U.S.-Israeli strategic cooperation measures may have to be "unravelled."

The official, William Schneider Jr., who was under secretary of state for security assistance, science and technology from 1982 to 1986, spoke on the third and final day of the American Israel Public Affairs Committee's 29th Annual Policy Conference in Washington.

Schneider pointed to an April 1 decision by the army to award an estimated $50 million contract to a group of companies headed by Soltam Ltd. in Haifa to develop 120 millimeter mortars. But the Pentagon had slashed the program from its 1989 budget submitted to Congress Feb. 18, so the contract apparently cannot be executed. AIPAC estimates that it could be worth $1 billion over its lifetime.

Schneider noted that the problem may repeat itself in the future, since the Pentagon's budget has declined in real dollars for three consecutive years, and is expected to fall in future years until the United States achieves a balanced budget, as mandated by the 1985 Gramm-Rudman-Hollings deficit reduction law.

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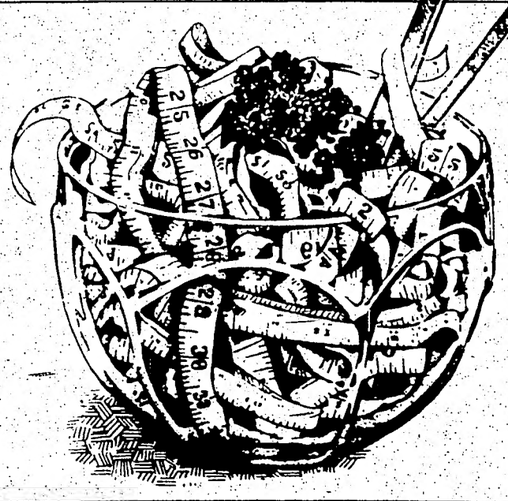

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Israel's losing sympathy says Norwegian official

JERUSALEM (JTA) — Jo Benkow, the Speaker of Norway's Parliament, believes Israel is losing the sympathy of his own and other friendly Western countries because of events in the territories.

Benkow, who is Jewish and on an official visit to Israel, said that he has always considered himself "very pro-Israel" and often explains Israel's position to the Norwegian people. "But I am in trouble," he said.

He has spoken out publicly against Israel's continued occupation of the West Bank and Gaza Strip. "All of Israel's close friends in the West feel that it will be hard for it to keep its ideals of democracy and human rights while it remains an occupier," Benkow said.

He said Norway's "basic friendship" for Israel still holds fast among the older generation. But the younger generation "judges things on a day-to-day basis," he said, referring to media reports.

While it would be "out of the question" for Norway to impose sanctions against Israel, if the situation continues "there will be a lasting, at least in the short and medium term, effect on Western attitudes toward Israel," he said.

"Believe me, I understand the difficulty of the soldiers," he said, sympathizing with Israel. "Even soldiers are afraid and frustrated, shocked and angry and they are indeed provoked. But you've reached the limit now," the Norwegian Parliamentarian said.

Benkow's autobiography, From Synagogue to Parliament, has sold some 240,000 copies in Norway and is third on that country's best-seller list, "after the Bible and the Book of Psalms," Benkow said.

Education ministry accused of incitement

Investigation ordered over teachers' instructions

JERUSALEM (JPFS) — **A major row over political indoctrination in the classroom was brewing last week after religious teachers were told in a written instruction from Orthodox education ministry officials to push the view that occupation of the territories is a "mitzva."**

Staff in state religious schools had earlier received a bulletin from the same officials describing left-wingers as "self-hating" Jews who "identify with the enemy."

A full-scale investigation was ordered by Education Minister Yitzhak Navon. Citizens Rights Movement Knesset member Yossi Sarid called for the dismissal and prosecution of the officials involved.

Sarid accused the officials, in the ministry's religious section, of inciting against citizens with secular or socialist inclinations. He sent a formal complaint to the attorney-general, the state comptroller and the civil service commissioner.

Sarid quoted the April, 1988 issue of the teachers' bulletin, issued by the ministry's department for education in democracy in state religious schools. The document exhorted Orthodox teachers to be wary of "those among us who try to wield influence by showing feelings of mercy towards hostile elements who undermine our existence.

It continued: "The self-hatred of these people, who identify with the enemy, has historic precedents among those who cast off all ties with Judaism, and with converts and informers who converted to Christianity or to Communism."

God-fearing observant Jews, throughout Jewish history, never went over to the enemy camp, the religious teachers were told.

"Those who carry prayer-shawl and phylacteries cannot identify with the enemy camp, and with those who try to liquidate Jewish independence and Jewish identity," the bulletin said.

Sarid said this material constitutes "unbridled and vicious incitement against the left wing" and those responsible should be dismissed and be charged in court. "They cannot be allowed to stay on the state payroll."

A second bulletin issued this month by the department, and signed by its director and two other senior officials, said the "conquest" of the territories and settlement "in the whole land of Israel" should be seen as a "mitzva."

In a sharp response, Navon said that his ministry forbade the presentation of one-sided political views in schools.

The minister said it was essential to put before pupils a whole range of views and, he went on: "I will examine what has happened and if I find that these documents are politically one-sided I will halt their distribution and call the officials concerned to order."

Syrian moves in Lebanon monitored

JERUSALEM (JTA) — Israel is keeping a close watch on the deployment of Syrian troops in the southern suburbs of Beirut. But it is far from upset by the prospect that the Syrians may clash with and possibly crush Hizbullah, the pro-Iranian movement of Shiite fundamentalists.

"Anything that is bad for that extremist organization we view with favor," Premier Yitzhak Shamir said last week.

He and other officials acknowledged that the recent flare-up of fighting between Hizbullah and the mainstream Shiite Amal militia could spread to southern Lebanon near the Israeli border. But they view possible Syrian intervention in Beirut with equanimity.

Defence Minister Yitzhak Rabin said that he was not concerned about the entry of Syrian troops into Beirut, as long as they did not venture southward past a mutually understood border.

"I don't mind if they sink in the Lebanese mud in Beirut," he said.

The cabinet was briefed on the situation by the Israel Defence Force chief of staff, Gen. Dan Shomron. No details were released, but the fact that the news media were informed of the subject of Shomron's report indicated the importance Israel attaches to developments in the Lebanese capital.

Reports from Damascus said that Iranian and Syrian officials were still negotiating terms for a possible peaceful entry of Syrian forces into the southern Beirut suburbs, where Hizbullah guerrillas have bloodied Amal in recent weeks.

Israeli sources noted that Syrian troop movements have posed no threat to Israel. In fact, Syrian troops have been shifted from the Bekaa valley, in eastern Lebanon, northwestward toward Beirut.

This greatly diminishes chances of an IDF clash with the Syrians, which seemed highly likely during Israel's brief incursion into southern Lebanon three weeks ago.

The only resistance encountered by the IDF came from Hizbullah. Its base, the fortified town of Maidoun, was captured and destroyed by the Israelis, who suffered three dead and 17 wounded. At least 40 to 50 Hizbullah guerrillas were killed.

Hizbullah, whose name means Party of God, has aided the Palestine Liberation Organization and has been the most dangerous force operating in southern Lebanon, according to the Israelis.

Some observers are cautioning that the Syrians and their Amal clients may strike a deal with Hizbullah and its patron, Iran, which would give Hizbullah freedom of movement in southern Lebanon.

Soldiers convicted over live burials

JERUSALEM (JTA) — A military court has given an Israel Defence Force staff sergeant a 4-month prison term and a 6-month suspended sentence in connection with the attempted live burial of four Arab youths by Israeli soldiers.

Sgt. Charley Danino also was reduced in rank to private. He had pleaded innocent, claiming he was not at the scene when the incident occurred on Feb. 5, in Kafr Salim village, near Nablus.

The court accepted evidence to the contrary given by a reserve soldier. It found that even though Danino's role had been "passive," he was guilty of assault and conduct unbecoming a soldier.

The four Palestinians allegedly had participated in rioting and stone-throwing. The soldiers who seized them ordered a civilian bulldozer driver to pile earth over their bound bodies. They were rescued by villagers after the soldiers left.

The incident, reported widely by the foreign news media, had international repercussions and seriously harmed Israel's image abroad.

"Whoever was responsible for this will be punished accordingly," Maj. Gen. Ehud Barak, the IDF deputy chief of staff promised reporters at a news briefing on Feb. 17. Two soldiers were tried and convicted in a plea-bargaining deal in March and sentenced to short prison terms.

Danino was the last to be tried. The court found his conduct reprehensible because he was the senior soldier on the scene and did nothing to stop the burial. The judges ruled that even though Danino is married, as a professional soldier he should be punished at least as severely as the other two.

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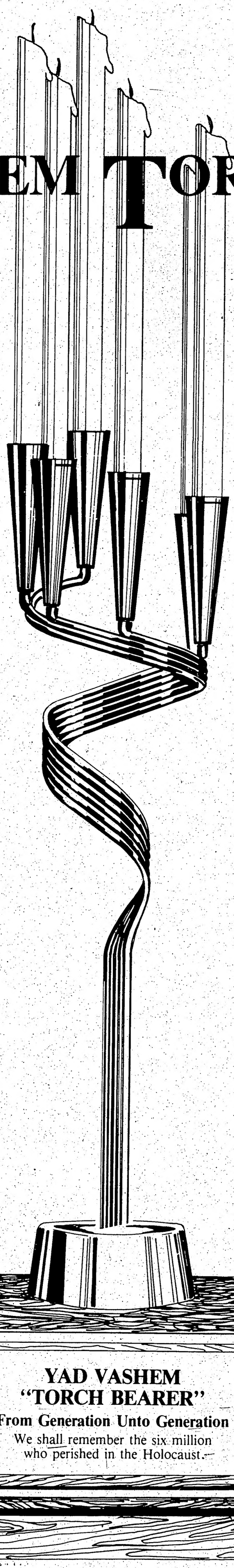

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Consistency needed at external affairs

"Consistency," an American writer once wrote, "is the hobgoblin of foolish minds." This is a maxim much cherished by people in the political world who find themselves confronting diverse problems.

There are some situations, however, where a little consistency could do no harm, and at the same time even raise the esteem by Canadians for their elected representatives.

A case in point is External Affairs Minister Joe Clark and his conversations with an Indian counterpart, Natwar Singh, over the unfortunate confrontation between Sikh extremists at the Golden Temple and Indian troops.

More than 30 people have been killed in the siege of the temple and many others have been arrested.

Mr. Clark has been conducting himself in an admirable, statesmanlike fashion as he calls for an end to the violence at the temple site. A spokesman for Mr. Clark, Bill Chambers, indicated that in talks with the Indian representative, he would urge everyone involved "to achieve an early end to the violence."

Wisely, Mr. Clark has avoided the temptation to condemn the Indian government's action, as Canadian Sikhs have been urging him to do. "It's an internal situation and we don't generally prescribe to a foreign government how they should deal with their internal security," said Chambers.

It is indeed lamentable that Mr. Clark and his retinue in external affairs did not follow their own sage advice during the March Canada-Israel dinner, when the minister not only instructed a foreign government on how it should deal with its own security, but condemned the government in terms that were unfair and unrealistic.

We see similarities in the two situations and are therefore puzzled at external affairs' violation of its own sober policies where Israel is concerned.

Consistency would be an admirable trait in the conduct of this country's foreign policy.

Schools in Montreal deservedly praised

Jewish education in Montreal, we are pleased to report, was the subject of an admiring article in a recent issue of the Quebec journal L'Education Generale.

The article, in a publication distributed widely among Quebec's teachers and those engaged in education, presents a most positive picture of Jewish schools in Montreal region.

Author Claudine Blais explains the push towards excellence and professionalism found among many Jewish students to be traceable to a period in Canadian history when Jews were barred from a host of jobs.

Things have changed in Quebec but the love of learning has remained intense. Seven thousand Jewish children in Montreal, she indicates, are enrolled in the Jewish school system. Ms. Blais notes, moreover, that Jews have an astonishing choice when it comes to shopping for the right school for their children.

One of the intriguing aspects of the Blais article, which is entitled The Jewish Success, is a focus on the ultra-Orthodox yeshivot in Cote-des-Neiges, Outremont and Sainte-Therese.

Although they represent only 15% of the total enrollment in the Jewish school system, these yeshivot, according to Ms. Blais, are especially interesting for their concentration on talmudic studies and the respect for Jewish tradition and learning which they inculcate.

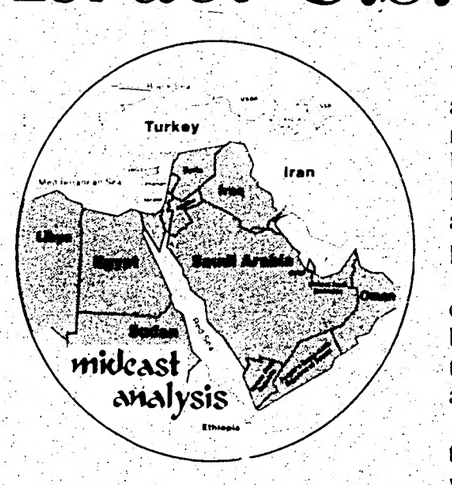
The article in L'Education Generale underlines the fact that Jewish schools in Montreal possess special funds designed to assist parents who are unable to afford tuition fees. Those funds are also available to encourage higher learning.

The Blais study notes that Jewish schools are especially sensitive to waves of anti-semitism detected within the Francophone population. In an effort to improve inter-community solidarity, a number of Jewish schools have been recently involved in an exchange program with Quebec schools. All kinds of activities between the schools give the children an opportunity to get to know each other better.

We applaud this worthy gesture and at the same time salute L'Education Generale for its important survey of the Montreal Jewish school system.

Depth and breadth of relationship astonishing

Israel-U.S. ties never closer



By SHELDON KIRSHNER

When Yitzhak Shamir last visited Washington, the talks he held with Reagan administration officials seemed to revolve around Secretary of State George Shultz's peace plan.

But Shamir, a hardliner who was far from eager to explore its nuances, was much more interested in another topic on the agenda — strategic cooperation.

By the time he left Capitol Hill, Shamir had what he wanted: a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) formally institutionalizing Israel's strategic relationship with the U.S.

The agreement, a White House statement said, "reflects the enduring U.S. commitment to Israel's security. That commitment will never flag."

Illustration / Vint Lawrence

Ronald Reagan

"Never" is a risky word in politics. As a jaded statesman once put it, national interests, rather than friendship, are ultimately pursued by nations. In the case of Israel and the U.S., the same holds true. For the time being, their interests appear to converge. But what of the future? Who can tell?

Today, however, Israel's political, military and economic ties with the U.S. have never been closer. In per capita and absolute terms, Israel is the greatest recipient of U.S. aid, which runs in excess of $3 billion a year. Israel and the U.S., apart from carrying out joint military exercises and sharing sensitive intelligence, generally support each other's positions at the United Nations.

If Israel has what passes for a dependable ally in this cruel, cynical world, it is surely the U.S.

Pro-Arab and anti-semitic elements in the U.S. elite continually grumble about Washington's largesse toward Israel, believing that American interests would better be served if Washington distanced itself from the Jewish state and emphasized its traditional links with the Arab world.

But such sentiments, vocal as they sometimes may be, remain fairly peripheral. The U.S., particularly under Ronald Reagan's presidency, has adopted a strong pro-Israel stance that a succession of Israeli governments, and the influential American Jewish community, have carefully nurtured.

U.S. policy in the region rests on four pillars — the defence of Israel's security, the containment of the Soviet Union, the maintenance of Arab oil supplies and the continued existence of conservative, pro-American Arab regimes such as Saudi Arabia and Jordan.

As far as Israel is concerned, Washington regards the Jewish state as a politically stable and militarily reliable junior ally, an anchor of U.S. interests in the volatile Middle East, an outpost of Western culture, a steady bulwark against Soviet expansionism.

Washington and Jerusalem, of course, don't concur on every issue, but the political values they share tend to override their specific disagreements.

In recent years, four events have tended to reinforce Israel's relations with the U.S. — the fall of the Pahlavi monarchy in Iran, the Soviet military involvement in Afghanistan, the Soviet Union's friendship treaty with Syria, and Washington's abject failure to pacify Lebanon.

In all four instances, forces hostile to U.S. interests gained an advantage, thereby forcing Washington to rely increasingly on Israel.

Furthermore, Washington has learned time and time again that supposed Arab allies such as Saudi Arabia, Jordan and Egypt are less than keen to permit the establishment of U.S. bases on their soil.

And with U.S. resources in the Mediterranean basin already somewhat stretched as a result of the Iran-Iraq war, the U.S. faces yet more problems in the form of Greek and Spanish reluctance to tolerate the existence of American bases.

Israel, in sharp contrast, has not objected to letting the Americans set up permanent installations. The U.S. has not as yet availed itself of the opportunity, but circumstances in the future could well compel Washington to change its present policy.

The dramatic decline of Arab oil prices over the past few years, from $32 a barrel in 1982 to $16 a barrel in 1988, has also had an impact on the nature of Israel-U.S. ties, for it has resulted in a decline of Arab leverage over U.S. Middle East policy and a greater freedom of movement on the part of Washington toward Israel.

While all these factors have enhanced Israel's steadily growing relationship with the U.S., the influence of President Reagan and Shultz have not gone unnoticed.

Yitzhak Shamir

Writing in a paper prepared for The Washington Institute For Near East Policy, Stuart Eizenstat contends that Reagan's positive view of Israel has been characterized by three facets — a deep emotional commitment to Israel, an enduring sense of Israel as an ally which serves the broad strategic interests of the U.S. in the Middle East, and a passivity with respect to solving the Arab-Israeli conflict.

Above all else, Reagan perceives Israel as a reliable anti-Communist ally. In campaign speeches in 1979 and 1980, he said that the "paramount American interest in the Middle East is to prevent the region from falling under the domination of the Soviet Union" and that "America's position in staving off Soviet penetration would be weaker without the political and military assets Israel provides."

Breaking with the view of previous candidates for the presidency, Reagan openly called Israel a "major strategic asset to America."

Shultz, too, has come down firmly on Israel's side. Not long ago, he said that his goal was to formalize and broaden the U.S.'s strategic ties with Israel "so that eight years from now, if there is a secretary of state who is not positive about Israel, he will not be able to overcome the bureaucratic relationship . . . that we have established."

Israel's relations with the U.S. are defined by a number of agreements, from the 1981 Memorandum of Understanding that was temporarily suspended by Washington after Israel's annexation of the Golan Heights to the 1983 National Security Decision Directive establishing guidelines for strategic cooperation.

Illustration / Kerry Waghorn

George Shultz

The depth and breadth of the relationship is astonishing, even to an observer who has followed developments rather conscientiously.

- Joint air and sea exercises have been conducted on a regular basis.
- The U.S. Navy makes regular port calls in Haifa.
- Joint medical evacuation exercises have been held.
- U.S. Navy fighter pilots from the Sixth Fleet train at Israeli bombing ranges in the Negev.
- Steps are being taken to prepare buildings and facilities for the prepositioning of U.S. materiel in Israel, and negotiations continue on ways to assure U.S. use of Israeli military installations during a crisis.
- The U.S. is building a major Voice of America transmitter in the Negev.
- Israel is a charter member of the Strategic Defence Initiative, known as Star Wars.
- The U.S. and Israel are working on an anti-ballistic missile system that, in theory, would shield Israeli cities against Soviet-made SS-21 missiles in Syria — Israel's most formidable enemy and a client state of the Soviet Union.
- Israel has been designated a "major non-NATO ally."
- Israeli defence exports to the U.S. are climbing and may reach $300 million this year.
- A Free Trade Agreement gives Israel tariff-free access to the U.S. market.
- Israel is permitted to spend some $300 million in annual U.S. military aid in Israel to bolster its defence industry.

Despite all this, Israel and the U.S. do have divergent interests. The U.S. is a superpower with broad interests, while Israel is a regional power with more immediate interests.

These divergencies have caused considerable differences during the Reagan presidency, from strenuous U.S. objections to the extension of Israeli law and administration to the Golan Heights to the bombing by Israel of Iraq's nuclear reactor.

And lately, the Likud faction of the Israeli government and the U.S. haven't been able to agree on the contours of an Arab-Israeli settlement. But this hasn't prompted criticism or ultimatums from Washington.

Clearly, the entente cordiale between Israel and Washington rests on solid ground.

Opinion

Tremendous range of his music amazes singers and composers

Irving Berlin epitomizes American dream come true

By
GERRY MORRIS

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NEW YORK —

Irving Berlin joked with friends about his long-awaited (but unattended) centennial celebration at handsomely restored Carnegie Hall. "You know," he said, "I might screw up all your plans, I might die before my 100th birthday."

Happily, Berlin lives on and so does the simple elegance of his music. It was one minute after midnight, May 12, 1988, the start of the composer's second century, and dozens of devotees were still floating melodically along West 57th Street past the Russian Tea Room. They were touched. They were excited. And they were thrilled by the lovingly treated renditions of Irving Berlin classics by such great saloon singers as Frank Sinatra, Tony Bennett, Joe Williams, Rosemary Clooney, Ray Charles, and a host of other talented people, including appearances by Leonard Bernstein, Isaac Stern and Marilyn Horne.

The show was taped by CBS for broadcast Friday, May 27.

The perennially elegant Walter Cronkite paid homage to the master songsmith: "In his songs we find our history, our holidays, our homes and our hearts." The big show-stoppers were multi-talented Tommy Tune, with eight dancers in white-tie-and-tails doing an exciting song and tap treatment of Puttin' On The Ritz. Nell Carter wowed the glittering audience with a swinging version of Alexander's Ragtime Band. Also featured were group medleys, instrumental pieces, classical and jazz interpretations, and humorous and nostalgic recollections.

Morton Gould, noted conductor and president of the American Society of Composers, Authors and Publishers, told of how he approached the composer with the idea of a centennial celebration. "You know," he said to Mr. Berlin, "next year you will be 100 years old. A.S.C.A.P. would like to present a tribute. How about it?" Without skipping a beat, Berlin said dryly, "What's the hurry?"

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Berlin's early days were not always so merry and bright. His Jewish family fled Russian pogroms and settled into the poverty of New York's Lower East Side. At 12, little Izzy Baline was singing in the Bowery joints to help support his mother and five brothers and sisters. (His father, Cantor Moses Baline, had died when Irving was 8). It was here that his ear absorbed the many different voices and rhythms from America's Melting Pot.

At 19, he sold his first tune for the then gargantuan sum of 37 cents. The name of the masterpiece: Marie From Sunny Italy. His rise to fame was dazzling. Ultimately, he was to be the man of music who most epitomized the Horatio Alger tradition and the American dream come true, working his way up from street singer to song plugger to composer of the best known patriotic song since The Star Spangled Banner (God Bless America), the most popular Christmas song since Silent Night (White Christmas), and the only universally known Easter song (Easter Parade), as well as the song that most expresses theatrical mythology (There's No Business Like Show Business). These Berlin tunes have come close to being anthems, as permanently engraved in the American ear as School Days and Happy Birthday To You.

Singers and songwriters alike express amazement at the tremendous range of his music. Understandable when you consider that the man who wrote the ragtime/jazz anthem Alexander's Ragtime Band also composed the sophisticated Change Partners, and that the man who wrote the witty patter song Anything You Can Do also wrote the plaintive What'll I Do?. It was Cole Porter's contention that "no one sits down to write a hit except Berlin, who can't help it."

Irving Berlin at his prime.

In 1926, he married Ellin Mackay, whose father headed AT & T. Opposing the love affair, Mackay booked his daughter on a grand tour of Europe, but wherever they went Irving sent a new composition. As Ellin lovingly put it: "It was his songs that won me." One of the songs that won her heart eternally was the ballad Always, the music of which was wrapped in a bow and presented to her as a wedding gift. A magnanimous gesture not only towards the new Mrs. Berlin but also toward the American populace, who cranked it up on the parlor phonograph as the family sang, hummed and danced the song's way to interminable popularity. Always has virtually become the wedding theme of America, in much the same way as Jerry Bock's Sunrise, Sunset is the theme of bar and bat mitzvahs.

On intellectuals who called him corny, the self-taught composer answered strongly and effectively: "I'm tired of smart alecks who knock honest emotion. The hell with them. I feel deeply about this country and its people and I want everyone to know it."

About 1,500 songs have justified his remark that if he had more hits than anybody he also had more flops, and astonishingly enough, he accomplished all this without being able to read or write music or play the piano properly.

His rich body of work includes the scores of 19 Broadway shows as well as 18 musical films. His personal favorites are Top Hat, Cheek To Cheek, Isn't It A Lovely Day, White Tie and Tails and The Piccolino, written for a couple of promising hoofers named Fred and Ginger. When Astaire died, according to author Stanley Green, a member of Berlin's inner circle, "Berlin called me. He was very upset. He was very close to Astaire and considered him the most professional performer in movies."

Since 1931, Berlin has been half-owner of Broadway's Music Box Theatre, with the Shubert organization owning the other half. It is reported he still calls the theatre box office nightly to find out his grosses.

He is also the only composer who owned outright every note of music he ever wrote (Irving Berlin Music Corp.). Composer Harry Ruby said, "Oh, sure, Irving can be tough. A very tough businessman, but underneath he is a warm human being."

He keeps his wealth a secret, but just one of his songs, the flagwaver God Bless America (for which he was awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor), has earned nearly a million dollars in royalties for the Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts of America, to whom he granted rights. Another musical and patriotic achievement was the 1943 show This Is The Army, which raised $15 million for the Army Emergency Relief. Composer Harry Warren, who wrote 42nd Street, is quoted as having said, "The trouble with World War II was they bombed the wrong Berlin."

In 1932, Irving's creative oil well began to gush: a dire year for America but a vintage year for Berlin. In that year he wrote Say It Isn't So and How Deep Is The Ocean, two of his most effective torch songs, followed by Soft Lights And Sweet Music, as well as his attempt to cheer up a Depression-crippled America with Let's Have Another Cup Of Coffee. He concluded the year with A Pretty Girl Is Like A Melody, written to accompany the sedate parade of Flo Ziegfeld's long-stemmed American beauties.

Famed lyricist Irving Caesar said of his contemporary, "Berlin was the greatest writer of popular songs. His challenge was double-barrelled — he wrote words and music. He knew what the common man wanted to hear because he was the common man — but with talent."

When the Friars Club recently requested permission to do a certain song to celebrate his birthday, his longtime (67 years) feisty secretary, Hilda Schneider (sometimes called "The Berlin Wall"), came back with the following answer: "He doesn't mind anyone singing his songs — the only one they can't do is Oh How I Hate To Get Up In The Morning — only Mr. Berlin does that."

He went through two world wars as a powerful one-man entertainment force. Old timers will recollect his sad-sack look, decked out in doughboy breeches and khaki leggings, singing "this serviceman's lament for more preferential sleeping habits."

Berlin was a drop-of-a-hat singer with a thin voice, who burst into song without embarrassment anytime, anywhere. "You know, when Irving sings a song in that tiny voice you have to hug him to hear him," said the legendary Broadway comic Joe Frisco.

At 75, he wrote the Broadway score for Mr. President, which established him as the oldest composer to sire a musical hit show since Giuseppe Verdi.

What about Berlin in 1988? "He doesn't see very well and things have to be read to him," according to Stanley Green, a historian of popular music. "He always says, 'My health is wonderful from the neck up.' But his memory — it endures like his songs. I haven't seen him in some time, but we chatted about a year ago and recollected details of a musical he'd written in his teens."

His different-worlds marriage has worked for 62 years, producing three daughters and nine grandchildren who are frequent visitors to the oversized townhouse in Beekman Place in New York. Of their marriage today, an insider said, "He gets very jealous if his wife is close to anyone but him. Sometimes she'll be talking with one of the maids and he gets angry. Ellin is very bound to Irving. Everything she does is for him. For example, every night at dinner, which is usually served at 5 p.m., she gets dressed up for Irving."

For years, a "constitutional" around his fashionable East Side neighborhood was a daily routine. The walks have grown briefer and less regular, according to his dwindling circle of friends. Next to Greta Garbo, Berlin is considered the most famous recluse in show business. Declining any intrusion into his private life, he keeps to his family, and paints industriously. He also declines requests for interviews.

There's a story about Irving Berlin that I think is "a gem," attributed to Robert Russell Bennett: "You know, Irving has a granddaughter who's in school and the little girl had to write a paper. She wrote An Afternoon With My Grandfather. The under-30 teacher asked her, 'Who is your grandfather?' And she, drawing herself up to her full height, which wasn't much, said: 'Irving Berlin is my grandfather.' And he asked 'Irving Berlin? Berlin? What does he do?' And Irving's granddaughter said: 'He paints.' "

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ISRAEL AS IT WAS

Allenby Road, one of Tel Aviv's major thoroughfares, looks pretty much the same today as when this photograph was taken several decades ago.

Opinion

Seeking the "ticket": Jewish conversion to Christianity

BY
SHELDON KIRSHNER

One of the most sensitive areas in the history of Jewish-Christian relations, the phenomenon of Jewish conversion to Christianity, is explored in depth in *Jewish Apostasy in the Modern World (Holmes & Meier, $39.50 U.S.)*, a collection of essays edited by Todd Endelman.

The essays, which are of mixed quality, deal with conversions in such countries as Germany, Britain, Hungary and Russia and with such noted converts as Heinrich Heine, Benjamin Disraeli and Francis Ephraim Cohen-Palgrave.

One of the best pieces in the book, The Heine-Disraeli Syndrome among the Palgraves of Victorian England, is by Benjamin Braude.

Heinrich Heine, who adopted Christianity in 1825 in the hope that it would advance his academic career, is examined rather thoroughly.

Heine, in a famous phrase, referred to his apostasy as his entry ticket to European culture. According to Braude, the "ticket" never gained him the entry he expected. Heine's radical politics alienated the powers-that-be, and the career that he sought was denied to him. As a result, he turned to writing, first as a journalist and then as a poet and essayist.

Before he died, he wrote, "I make no secret of my Judaism, to which I have not returned, because I never left it."

True or not, the Nazis clearly regarded him as a Jew, for they burned his books.

Disraeli, scion of a Sephardi family, was baptized at 13, and buried with Anglican rites. Since his conversion was his father's choice, he did not bear the guilt of choosing baptism. Accordingly, Braude points out, Disraeli's Jewishness was "less complicated" than that of Heine's.

Benjamin Disraeli

Disraeli, the first British prime minister of Jewish ancestry, had an exaggerated notion of Jewish power and influence and argued that the Semitic race was superior to others. Nevertheless, he remained alienated from Judaism.

Both Heine and Disraeli, Braude writes, were ultimately obsessed with their Jewish backgrounds. Not so Francis Ephraim Cohen, who represents "the success story of conversion and rapid social assimilation into the British literary, intellectual and political Establishment..."

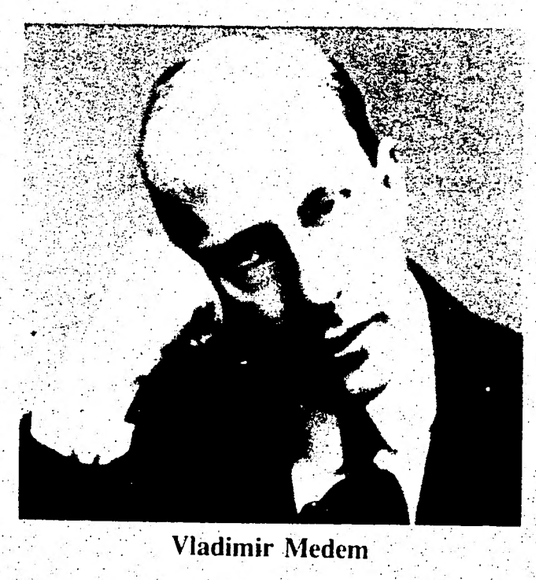
Born in London, in 1788, Cohen gradually moved away from Judaism, converting some time between 1815 and 1821. In 1823, he married a woman of old East Anglia stock, and accepted her family's offer to change his name to Palgrave.

Palgrave, who held the position of Deputy Keeper of the Public Record Office, fathered four sons — Francis Turner, one of the great art and literary critics of his age; William Gifford, a diplomat and traveller; Sir Robert Harry Inglis, a leading banker; Sir Reginald Francis Douce, Clerk of the House of Commons.

Todd Endelman, in an essay entitled The Social and Political Context of Conversion in Germany and England, 1870-1914, writes that conversion was a pervasive feature in Germany, but not in Britain.

In Britain, there was "far less violent antipathy" to Jews and therefore less reason to abandon Judaism. Generally, apostasy was a function of several factors. Some converts wanted to improve their social status by escaping "the stigma" attached to Judaism. Others wished to make careers outside the usual range of Jewish occupations. Still others, having already mixed in non-Jewish social circles, passed out of the community through intermarriage, which frequently was accompanied by conversion.

Endelman provides some interesting statistics. In the early 1800s, in Germany, there was one conversion for every 2,200 Jews. In the following century, the figure was one for every 1,100 Jews.



Vladimir Medem

On the eve of World War I, among Germany's Jewish population of 620,000, there may have been "as many" as 100,000 converts and children and grandchildren of converts.

The Bleichroders, a fabulously wealthy banking family, typified the phenonemon. Gerson Bleichroder, one of the richest men in imperial Germany and Bismarck's financial advisor, remained a Jew all his life. But all his children, who aspired to membership in the aristocracy, became Protestants and married non-Jews.

Endelman states that the number of converts in post-World War I Germany would have been much higher had not many religiously indifferent Jews felt that baptism was beneath their dignity. Walther Rathenau, the German foreign minister and son of the founder of the AEG conglomerate, loathed his Jewishness and officially withdrew from the Jewish community. He refrained from embracing Christianity because he felt that it would be personally degrading and an implicit endorsement of German anti-semitism.

In Britain, by contrast, conversions were of minor importance, and were not, as in Germany, considered a threat to community solidarity.

Deborah Hertz, in a piece entitled Seductive Conversion in Berlin, 1770-1809, analyzes the literary salons of that city hosted by Jewish women. The ladies in question, Rahael Varnhagen, Henriette Herz and Dorothea Schlegel, converted to Christianity.

"The irony was that the closer the Jewish salon women came to being accepted by the cream of Berlin society, the more urgently they felt pressured to convert to Protestantism," notes Hertz.

"It may have been precisely their Jewish qualities that attracted Gentiles to them in the first place. Their father's wealth... and their darkly 'exotic' looks... were all particularly attractive to the early romantic generation of Berlin intellectuals. Yet their Jewishness had to be eliminated if visitors were to become friends and if courtships were to end in marriages."

Hertz claims that conversion was no guarantee to total acculturation, since converted families often socialized with and married into other converted families.

Heinrich Heine

Symptomatic of the social climate was the cockeyed proposal by David Friedlander, a leader of the Berlin Jewish community, that the heads of Berlin's leading Jewish families convert en masse to a rationalized form of Christianity. By adopting Christianity, he claimed, Jewish men would gain the political rights still denied them as Jews, without endorsing "the non-rational elements" of Christianity.

The proposal, sent to the liberal Protestant minister William Tell, was rejected. But it spoke volumes about the spiritual state of certain Jews in 19th century Berlin.

William McCagg, Jr., in Jewish Conversions in Hungary in Modern Times, writes that apostasy was an attractive alternative in late 19th and 20th century Hungary.

By 1941, three years before Nazi Germany's invasion, there were 61,000 people who could be called "Christians of Jewish descent." By 1944, the number had reached 100,000, slightly less than 10% of Hungary's Jewish population. In Budapest, however, "Christian Jews" represented 17% of the Jewish population.

In Apostasy in Russia, Michael Stanislawski uses figures culled from the Russian Holy Synod in arriving at the facts. During the 19th century, 69,400 Jews were baptized in the Orthodox Church. In addition, another 12,000 Jews, most probably in the Polish provinces, converted to Roman Catholicism.

More than a few of the conversions were of the forced variety, but a significant number of converts were nothing but sheer opportunists.

Perhaps the best-known convert was Vladimir Medem, who had been baptized by his parents. As he grew older, Medem returned to Judaism, becoming leader of the Bund, the Jewish socialist party.

Daniel Chwolson, a Vilna Jew, converted in

Francis Palgrave

1855 to become a professor of Semitics at St. Petersburg University. Despite his apostasy, he remained fairly close to the Jewish community. When asked to account for his action, he is reputed to have responded: "I believed that it is better to be a professor in St. Petersburg than a malamed in Eyshishok."

Jacob Brafman was one of the most notorious converts. A self-hating Jew, he was a successful anti-Jewish propagandist in 19th century Russia. In a series of pamphlets and books alleging first-hand knowledge of secret Hebrew and Aramaic sources, Brafman claimed that the Talmud mandated hatred of Christians and Christianity.

"Ultimately, Brafman's calumnies against Judaism and the Jews formed the basis of much of the spurious material included in the *Protocols of the Elders of Zion*," writes Stanislawski.

The penultimate essay, A Unitarian Rabbi? The Case of Solomon H. Sonneschein, is written by Benny Kraut.

On April 1, 1886, Sonneschein, a Reform rabbi, resigned his pulpit at Shaare Emeth Congregation in St. Louis, and went to Boston to determine whether and under what circumstances he might be given a Unitarian pulpit.

Sonneschein, Kraut says, was dissatisfied with his congregants and thought Judaism was a dying religion. But strangely enough, Sonneschein had no intention of converting. The long and short of it is that the incident — the first and probably only one of its kind in the U.S. — scandalized American Jews.

There are other essays in *Jewish Apostasy in the Modern World*, but they are of uneven quality. Endelman's book, which is a valuable contribution to Jewish historiography, could have been much better had these essays either been eliminated or reworked.

More light on U.S. recruitment of Nazis

By
ARNOLD AGES

In the wake of the trial of Klaus Barbie in France last year it was revealed that the notorious executioner of Lyons had been assisted by American intelligence operatives in escaping to South America.

Contrite officials in the United States acknowledged this unusual partnership but assured media representatives that this was a one-time exceptional gesture offered the Nazi officer because of his service to vital American interests.

Years of hard research and analysis have persuaded Washington-based journalist Christopher Simpson that the official American line was mendacious in the extreme.

In his new study, *Blowback; The First Full Account Of America's Recruitment Of Nazis, And Its Disastrous Effect On Our Domestic And Foreign Policy. Weidenfeld & Nicholson. 398 Pages)*, Simpson charges that since 1945 covert operations by the U.S. army's counter intelligence corps (CIC) and later, the CIA, cultivated huge cadres of Nazis and Nazi collaborators in the pursuit of American interests.

According to Simpson, postwar American intelligence agencies were animated by the belief that war with the Soviet Union was not only possible, it was imminent. To that end, undercover agents, with the knowledge and cooperation of top American officials, sought out Nazi scientists, researchers, technicians, and military personnel whose special knowledge or expertise might be of help in planning for the prospective conflict with the Soviet Union. Between 1945 and 1955, says the author, 765 of these specialists were brought to the U.S. through subterfuges designed to frustrate American immigration laws.

While author Simpson does explore, to some extent, the immorality involved in the U.S.'s clandestine use of individuals who had engaged in unspeakable crimes against humanity, his major focus is a more pragmatic one.

He argues, with much persuasiveness, that the "blowback" — the unanticipated negative consequences of secret operations — has been devastating for American domestic and foreign policy. Simpson encourages this interpretation in the following fashion.

In their desire to confront and neutralize Soviet intentions in Europe, the architects of American foreign policy (George Kennan, in particular) made use of the best anti-Soviet material available. In 1945, the Nazis and their collaborators fitted the job profile perfectly. A blind eye was turned to their recent past as they were pressed into America's struggle against communism.

The consequence of this fateful decision was deleterious to America's best interests, says Simpson, because the numerous Nazis and their collaborators (identified as members of Baltic nations who joined the Nazis in the war against the Soviet Union) who entered the U.S. injected an anti-communism into the public discourse, whose shrillness dislocated the rhythm of American politics and eventually produced the hysteria of McCarthyism.

The injections came, in part, through the activity of the Nazi cadres in Radio Free Europe and other broadcasting facilities sponsored by the CIA. The author says that some of these professional anti-Soviets had actively participated in the murder of Jews during the Holocaust.

Simpson also charges that the CIA use of Nazi and collaborator elements in clandestine propaganda activities in Europe after the war was designed to disrupt the Soviet political and military machine. The Americans felt that the operations were legitimate because of the threat of Soviet imperialism. While the American public was unaware of this mischief, the Soviets quickly identified their antagonists in the West as Nazis and used this largely correct information to persuade their citizens that the United States was a fascist state.

Simpson's well documented revelations about American government complicity in the immigration to the U.S. of people who murdered innocent people in the furtherance of Nazi barbarism are, of course, appalling. The part of his thesis in which he shows the magnitude of Nazi infiltration into American society is quite persuasive.

Less persuasive, however, is Simpson's suggestion that the presence of the Nazi fifth column in the U.S. directed the right-wing anti-Soviet swing in the political discourse. The author does not give sufficient consideration to the fact that the Soviet Union's brutal imperialism (the occupation of Poland and the rape of Czechoslovakia, to cite two examples) and Cold War antics after 1945 were reason enough to stampede Americans into an anti-Soviet frame of mind.

Opinion

Ethics of the Fathers

Nectar from Kotzk and other such good places

By
J. B. SALSBERG

One good deed, said our ancient sages, leads to another good deed. From that point of departure it is self-evident that one column based on Pirkei Avot — Peirik — should be followed by another one. And so it will.

But, the most compelling reason for this follow-up column is that I ran out of space a week ago, and could not include some nectar from Kotzk. That's a serious omission which cannot be allowed.

J. B. Salsberg

Kotzk deserves to be included even though Kotzk produced no dynasty, no Kotzk lineage, as most other of the Chassidic great did. There was one Kotzk and Rabbi Menachem Mendel Kotzker (died 1859) was its one and only spiritual representative.

Also because, in my humble opinion, Kotzk represented a philosophic uniqueness that other chassidic dynasties did not.

That philosophic preoccupation of Mendel Kotzker led him to a withdrawal from the usual behavior of all other chassidic rebbes. Indeed, he often isolated himself from his followers who besieged his court and prayed for him to appear and receive them.

At any rate, let me not get entangled in the Kotzker labyrinth. Let's, instead, receive a few of the Kotzker's many pearls of wisdom.

Rabbi Menachem Mendel of Kotzk said: The Kotzker asked his disciple, Rabbi Yaakov of Radzimin: "Yaakov, to what purpose was man created?" Yaakov answered; "So that he might perfect his soul." "No indeed," replied the Kotzker, "Man was created so that he might lift up the Heavens."

Der Kotzker once also said to his disciples: "The souls descended from the realms of heaven to earth on a ladder. Then it was taken away. Now, up there, they are calling the souls home. Some do not budge from the spot, for how can one get to Heaven without a ladder? Others leap and fall, and leap again and give up. But there are those who know very well that they cannot make it, but try and try over and over again until God catches hold of them and pulls them up."

(What an unusually precious parable that is! If you fail to get its full meaning at first, try again and again to get it, and I assure you that eventually you will acquire its meaning in full.)

Just one more crumb from the Kotzker table: A man came to the rabbi of Kotzk and told him his trouble. "People call me a bigot," he said. "What kind of an infirmity are they ascribing to me? Why a bigot? Why not a pious man?"

"A bigot," the Rabbi answered him, "converts the main issue in piety into a side issue, and a side issue into the main issue."

(What a classic description of a bigot! Save it for future use. . . .)

That's all we can offer from Kotzk this year. More, we hope, in the year to come. Amen.

Now, some memorable ethical and moral quotations, sayings and instructions from our other sources. (With some acknowledgements to the Shaarei Shomayim Congregation bulletin.)

"He who is pleasing to his fellow man is pleasing also to the Lord. He who is not pleasing to his fellow man is also displeasing to the Lord." (Peirik)

"Love your wife as much as yourself, honor her more than yourself. Men should be careful not to give their wives cause for tears; for the Lord counts their tears. . . . A man should eat and drink beneath his means, clothe himself within his means, and honor his wife above his means." — The Talmud.

• "It is easy to acquire an enemy, but difficult to win a friend. He who turns his enemy into a friend is the bravest hero. He who hates a man is as if he hated the Lord." — The Talmud.

• "The greater the man, the humbler he is. . . . Slander is as bad as murder. . . . Gossipers begin with praise and end with abuse." — The Talmud.

• Finally, from an unknown (to me) source: "If there were no voices crying in the wilderness, how would you know there was a wilderness?."

Nu, even ethical and moral jewels should be handed out with restraint. So, let us close our humble contribution to this year's revelation from the Ethics of the Fathers (Pirkei Avot, Peirik).

Have a healthy and pleasant summer. We invite you to join us again next summer for another annual Peirik celebration.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Letters are welcome if they are in English or French, no more than 200 words, typewritten with lines double spaced, and of interest to our reading public. Readers are cautioned not to make sweeping claims against persons or institutions which they cannot verify, as libel laws are very stringent. We reserve the right to edit letters, which must bear the sender's address, phone number and handwritten signature.

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ZUNDEL, WHO'S THE LIAR?

I'd like to add a footnote to Paul Lungen's excellent reports on the trial of that convicted spreader of lies, Ernst Zundel.

First, regarding Richard Harwood's 32-page pamphlet, *Did Six Million Die?*, which was the basis of the charges against Zundel for knowingly publishing false information likely to cause mischief to a public interest in social and racial intolerance. Harwood claimed the Holocaust was a hoax perpetrated by the Jews to gain massive financial reparations.

In that connection, I refer to the book, *Six Million Did Die*, published by the South African Jewish Board of Deputies. This 135-page collection of data resulted in their successful case against the distribution of Harwood's slanderous pamphlet.

Second, I'd like to add a fact about Thies Christopherson, a defence witness for Zundel, and author of the book, *The Auschwitz Lie*. This collection of slanderous lies about the Holocaust was prohibited from being distributed in West Germany, and its printing plates were also destroyed by court order.

Dr. Julius Pfeiffer
Montreal

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WOMEN SHOULDN'T BE CANTORS

Re your front-page May 12 article headed "Conservatives reject move to admit women cantors":

Your New York report says that the Conservative movement's Cantors Assembly voted 97-95 against admitting women awarded the degree of *chazzan* (cantor) by the Jewish Theological Seminary's Cantors Institute into the ranks of the world's largest professional body of cantors.

I'd like to add my congratulations to Cantor A. Eliezer Kirshblum of Toronto, described in your article as having led the forces opposed to women's membership.

He called the vote "a victory for common sense, for halacha and for due process."

I call it the first step in getting the Conservative movement back to normalcy.

Peter Bruckstein
Toronto

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PEACE FOR LAND A MYTH

Re Peace Now supporter Harry Simon, who, in his May 12 letter, criticized my opposition to his organization's policy of relinquishing Israeli territories to Palestinians in exchange for peace:

First, I'd like to make clear to him that I'm no supporter of extremist Rabbi Meir Kahane, who believes in expelling Palestinians by force from the territories. I consider Kahane a dangerous radical who himself should be expelled from Israel.

I'd also like to repeat my argument that the Arabs don't just want the West Bank and Gaza. They want the whole of Israel.

We gave up the Sinai to President Anwar Sadat in 1979; it resulted only in a cold peace. The Egyptian newspapers constantly write inflammatory statements in the newspapers about Jews and Israel.

By giving up territories, what would you accomplish but the annihilation of the Israeli population?

I'm not in favor of giving up another inch of Eretz Yisroel *to anyone*!

Paula Feigelsohn
Toronto

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Jerry Borins is flashing his "Halloween-pumpkin smile."

"I'M A SMILING STAR!"

Re Frank Rasky's profile of me in his April 28 Showbiz Mishmash column headed, "Clown Prince loves pubs, but stage is where it's at":

I'd like to thank Frank for making me a star. He's also made what he calls my "Halloween-pumpkin smile" famous.

His kind words were well received by everyone and my phone has since been ringing off the hook.

My customers put blow-ups of his column all around the lounge of my Wheat Sheaf Tavern on King St. W. Two of them even drew a likeness of me as a smiling pumpkin. People now recognize me from the photo and stop me at the *shul* and at charity drives that my wife Harriet and I attend.

Rest assured he is a popular columnist with a wide readership. My Halloween-pumpkin smile is flashing for Frank right now as I write this thank you note.

Jerry Borins
Toronto

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YIDDISH LIVES AT U OF T

Yiddish is becoming a living language at University of Toronto.

With the help of a grant from the Committee for Yiddish, Toronto Jewish Congress and the Berman Fund, a philanthropic fund within the United Jewish Welfare Fund/Toronto Jewish Congress Endowment Fund, the University of Toronto offers credit courses in Yiddish.

Students at U of T can study Yiddish at the beginners level, the intermediate level, or the advanced literature level. Those taking all three courses will have completed a minor program in Yiddish.

Others may wish to take one or more of these courses while pursuing a degree in some area unrelated to Yiddish. Some members of the community who already have degrees may want to come back and enrol in a single course as special students.

An innovation in 1988-89 is the new course, Introduction to Yiddish Literature, taught by Sharon Green, a specialist in the field. Students will be able to study the classic works of literature in Yiddish by using English translations.

No prior knowledge of Yiddish is necessary. For those who have a background in Yiddish, and want to study these works in the original, there will be a special tutorial using the original Yiddish texts. In this way, students of varying backgrounds will be accommodated.

Those interested should register at Woodsworth College, 119 St. George St. Classes begin Sept. 14. All courses are free to senior citizens. For further information, phone Eva Cooper at (416) 978-4386.

Arthur Kruger
Principal
Woodsworth College
Toronto

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COMPENSATE AUSCHWITZ SURVIVORS

A small one-time payment of a maximum of 25,000 German marks for the purpose of *"Wiedergutmachung"* is being offered by West Germany to survivors of Dr. Josef Mengele's experiments in Auschwitz-Birkenau and other surviving victims of human experimentation by Nazi doctors who have not previously received compensation for this cause.

This agreement was arrived at with the German government via an Israeli lawyer from Tel Aviv who represented the relevant group in Israel. West Germany has extended this offer to include survivors under the same category in the United States.

Although a precise autobiography may be requested by the West German government, "any amount of recollections is sufficient." If there are any questions on the subject contact Nancy L. Segal, 75 East River Road, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, Minn. 55455.

Mengele twin survivors or those of similar circumstances who are interested should contact: Mr. Ulf Hanel (Consul), Consulate-General of the Federal Republic of Germany, 460 Park Ave., New York, NY 10022.

Ruth Marmorstein
Coral Gables, Fla.

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TRIBUTE TO GREAT JEWISH WARRIOR

I very much enjoyed Sheldon Kirshner's March 24 article on Australian Jewry and their significant role in the development of that country.

He mentioned that Sir John Monash was commander of the Australian forces in World War I. Your readers will be interested to know a few additional facts about this extraordinary Jewish warrior.

He planned the great breakthrough on the Western Front in August, 1918, that led to the final victory in November.

It was widely thought at the time that, if the British government finally dumped Haig as commander-in-chief, Sir John would have succeeded him.

After the Great War, his publicly declared Zionism prevented his becoming Governor-General of Australia. However, he did become chairman of the Australian Electric Commission, and a major national university was named after him.

Fortunately, a distinguished lawyer in our Toronto community, former Rhodes Scholar William Rosenfeld, is an expert on Sir John Monash and is the source of this information.

For our heroes, as for our Holocaust martyrs, it is important to remember, because they die twice when mankind forgets.

David Greenspan
Toronto

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IN GERMANY, NOT AUSTRIA

Re your article about Sir John Monash, commander of the Allied Forces in World War I and governor of Australia:

His grandfather was the owner of a well known Hebrew publishing house in Krotoschin, province of Posen in Germany. Correct your Jerusalem Encyclopedia, which erroneously places Monash's printing house in Vienna, 500 miles away as the crow flies.

Dr. Julius Pfeiffer
Montreal

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IN LITHUANIA, NOT POLAND

It is with great joy that I have learned from the April 28 article by Ron Csillag that Peretz Miransky of Toronto has been awarded the Itzik Manger Literary Prize.

However, in his biographical sketch, Csillag commits the cardinal mistake of placing Vilna in Poland as the place of birth of Peretz Miransky. Vilna is in Lithuania. Hence the Jewish expression: Yerushalaim D'lita (Jerusalem of Lithuania). Peretz Miransky is a Litvak.

Misha Allen
Toronto

World-National

Says author promoting "anti-semitic ideas"

Labor federation condemns Ross

By
PHIL FINE

MONCTON —
A school teacher here who has written allegedly anti-semitic books has been condemned by The New Brunswick Federation of Labor.

In a resolution passed May 16 at the NBFL's annual convention in Moncton, Malcolm Ross was singled out for writing books promoting "racism, anti-semitic ideas, neo-Nazi ideology and the denial of the Holocaust."

Ross, who teaches at Magnetic Hill School, was publicly rebuked this spring by his employer, School District 15, for publishing The Spectre of Power, which claims the existence of a worldwide Jewish conspiracy.

The junior high school teacher, whose book stirred up controversy, has also been rebuked by New Brunswick Premier Frank McKenna as well as by Attorney General James Lockyer and Education Minister Shirley Dysart.

Ross has written three other books over the past decade which either claim the existence of a Jewish conspiracy or which question the validity of the Holocaust.

The NBFL resolution, which passed unanimously, called for the amendment of the Criminal Code of Canada to allow easier prosecution of those who promote racism and hate literature.

The resolution was sponsored by the Chatham-Newcastle District Labor Council. Both towns, which face each other across the Miramichi River, are roughly 60 miles north of Moncton.

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The man who last March filed a complaint against Ross with the RCMP has persuaded the United Church of Canada to consider issuing an apology to Canadian Jews for the Church's silence during the Holocaust.

Rev. James Leland, a United Church minister in Florenceville, NB, made a motion to that effect at a meeting May 14 of the church's Maritime Conference in Sackville, NB.

The motion, which received near unanimous approval from the 1,000 delegates, will now be brought up at a meeting of the church's general council in Victoria in August. If adopted, the apology will be issued.

Leland's motion also urged the church to formulate a policy on anti-semitism and racism and to press all provincial departments of education to make Holocaust studies part of their curricula.

Florenceville is about 70 miles north of Fredericton; Sackville, about 30 miles south east of Moncton.

Terrorist infiltrator captured

TEL AVIV (JTA) —
A terrorist infiltrator from Jordan was wounded and captured, but two of his companions escaped in a brief clash with Israel Defence Force troops last week.

The incident, which occurred at the perimeter of Kibbutz Kfar Ruppin, in the Beit She'an Valley, was the second infiltration attempt from Jordan in the past five months.

Prior to that there had been a 10-year lull in terrorist activity from Jordan. The IDF high command expressed confidence that the Jordanian authorities were continuing to make every effort to prevent terrorist infiltrations from Jordanian territory.

That view was expressed by Maj. Gen. Amram Mitzna, commander of the central region, who accompanied the IDF chief of staff, Gen. Dan Shomron, to the scene. "As we know, the Jordanians are trying their best to stop the terrorists from crossing the Jordan (River)," Mitzna said. "But, as happened five months ago, they failed."

In Amman, a Jordanian spokesman denied any knowledge of the infiltration attempt. He stressed that the Amman government is strongly opposed to terrorist activities.

Jordanian soldiers were seen searching the region on their side of the river after the incident. But a Jordanian military spokesman said the troop movements observed from Israel were "routine" and not a special search for infiltrators.

Kibbutz Kfar Ruppin and other Beit She'an settlements are located close to the northern reaches of the Jordan River.

Voluminous coverage shows obsessiveness with Israel

By
SALLY ZERKER

It's very interesting how often I've been asked the following question (or a version thereof): "Why do you think our media are so obsessed with Israel?" Instead of trying to answer the "why" of this question, about which I might offer one or more theories, I will examine the notion of media "obsession" using data the Media Monitoring Committee has collected.

It seems to me that when we use the term "obsession," we have an idea that something or someone is behaving abnormally or unreasonably, and doing so persistently. In this case, the very fact of unrelenting coverage may, in itself, be perceived as abnormal or unreasonable. So the test of a possible media "obsession" depends on evidence that persistent, unusual, puzzling attention is paid to Israel and to the issues affecting it.

After having tallied up the data, I can assure you that there is not a shred of doubt in my mind that the press is tenacious on this subject. From the start of our monitoring on Feb. 29 until the beginning of May, not a single day has passed without at least one item on Israel. In fact, it's a rarity for a day to pass in which one finds only one item about Israel in either the Globe and Mail or The Star.

But don't take my word for it. Here are the figures so you can judge for yourselves. Below is a week-by-week accounting of items on Israel. An item can be a story, an editorial, a letter to the editor, a picture, or a cartoon.

Week	Globe and Mail	The Star
Feb. 29-March 6	19 items	27 items
March 7-March 13	16 items	24 items
March 14-March 20	17 items	62 items
March 21-March 27	27 items	32 items
March 28-April 3	28 items	34 items
April 4-April 10	23 items	32 items
April 11-April 17	23 items	37 items
April 18-April 24	27 items	47 items
April 25-May 1	36 items	28 items
Total	216	323

This means that the Globe averaged 4 items and The Star 5.1 items per day. On the basis of their own advertising rates, the space allotted to items about Israel amounts to approximately $100,000 worth of Globe space per week, and even more than that for the Star.

The topics our papers report on concerning Israel are nothing short of amazing. Here's a sampling. Israeli politics is a major news story in our press. That our papers should focus on United States, British, or French politics is understandable, but why on Israeli politics? Wouldn't Mexican politics be more important to us on this continent? But I ask you, when is the last time you saw an article about Mexican politics? I also find it astonishing that we can read about how Israel remembered the Holocaust (Globe April 15), when not a word was written about how Canadians memorialized this great evil of our time.

Again, I think it strange that Edgar Bronfman should make the front page of the Globe (April 26) where his statement was headlined sensationally (and misleadingly, I might add). Neither the man, the organization he represents, nor his statement was so momentous for Canadian readers that it deserved centre stage.

Why is Israel so important to Canadians to warrant this much attention? A common argument stresses the threat of the Arab-Israeli conflict to the stability of the Middle East, with potential big power involvement, and hence indirectly also threatening the security of Canada. Well, the Arab leaders themselves didn't think this was their regional problem when they met last fall at a summit in Amman. It was clear that their major concern was the war between Iran and Iraq. That's why they totally ignored Arafat as well as the Palestinian issue then, and some experts think that this disregard was a prime stimulant to the uprising that began on Dec. 9.

Nor is it logical to argue that the state of war between Israel and Palestinians is the basic reason for this inordinate coverage. There are other ongoing wars in the world, in Afghanistan, Iraq/Iran, Lebanon, Nicaragua, and these do not receive continuous daily coverage. As for the claim of humanitarian concern for the dead and wounded, the press exposed itself on this score when it gave only the briefest possible notice to Iraq's murder of thousands of Kurds in Halabja as civilians were bombed with poison gas.

I've heard denials that this voluminous coverage is unusual or unreasonable. Some say that it's only a reflection of Canadians' cultural identity with another democratic state, that we simply don't care as much about totalitarian regimes, and that therefore what happens in such nations is not news. I'm not convinced. There's absolutely no proof for this theory, and that's all it is, an unproven theory.

Others say that the reason we hear so much about Israel is that that's where a very large number of news bureaus are located. But surely, that's putting the cart before the horse. The bureaus are there because the press wants stories out of Israel, and not the other way around. Besides, opportunism is not a good enough excuse if newspaper organizations want to be seen as responsible institutions.

I conclude, therefore, from the evidence, that the press is indeed unreasonably persistent in its coverage of Israel. That is to say, obsessiveness is a verifiable phenomenon in this case. Why this should be so is another matter, an interesting and important question, but one I leave for another time in another column.

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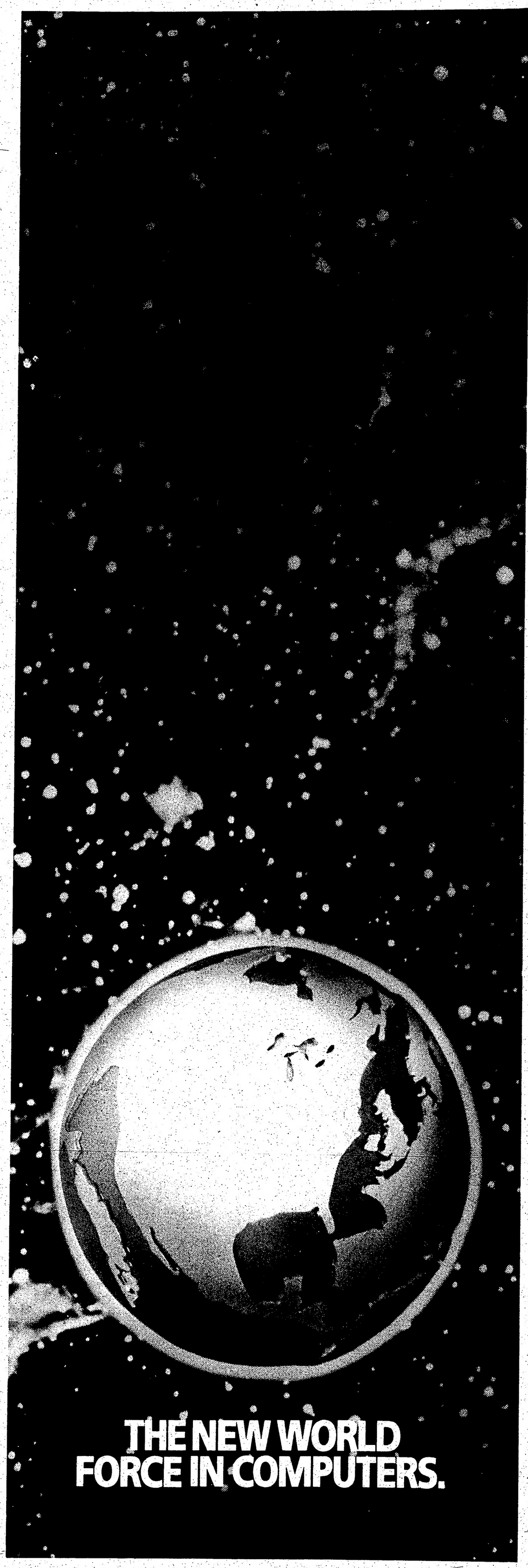

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DIARY ...of a People

By DAVID BIRKAN

Modern Bnei Brak was founded Sivan 11 (May 26 this year), 1924. The unassuming town of about 78,000, six miles east of Tel Aviv, has once more become a fount of ardent Judaism.

Biblical Bnei Brak became the centre of one of ancient Israel's most fertile areas. Its lush orchards, vineyards and fields served Joppa on the coast and Jerusalem in the mountains to the east. Wine and dried fruit were exported. Fiery scholar and nationalist Rabbi Akiva made it the hub of Jewish learning at the start of the second century AD, when Roman persecution continued to prevent the re-establishment of Jerusalem and the Second Temple.

Akiva, likened to Moses for his leadership and erudition, gathered thousands of students in Bnei Brak. Judaism, still reeling from the Temple's loss, was reinvigorated. From the bustling city, new methods of biblical interpretation and halachic decisions were exported to every corner of the Jewish world. Bnei Brak also became the latter's political capital, as Akiva travelled to Rome to secure the reversal of Emperor Domitian's anti-Jewish legislation, and on teaching and fund raising missions to various communities outside the Holy Land. Akiva's endorsement of Bar Kochba as the liberator-messiah made Bnei Brak a hotbed of nationalism and revolution. Akiva openly flouted Rome's edict against Torah study.

Bar Kochba's massive uprising was crushed. Akiva was tortured to death by the Romans in their local administrative centre of Caesarea. They redoubled restrictions. Bnei Brak fell into gradual decline.

Bnei Brak's strategic value was appreciated by the Crusaders, who built a fortress there to protect the approaches to their port in Joppa. After their defeat, the area fell back into a sleep of nearly 700 years.

In 1924, a garin (nucleus) of 13 Orthodox families from Poland re-established Bnei Brak as a farming community. By 1929, there were 100 families; in 1941, its population reached nearly 4,700. Dormant impulses of religion and nationalism soon began to re-assert themselves.

Founded schools

In 1933, Vilna's Rabbi Avraham Karelitz came to settle in Bnei Brak. One of eastern Europe's most celebrated scholars, the presence of the Hazon Ish — called after the title of his Halacha commentary — turned the town overnight into a leading centre of traditional Judaism. His reputation for saintliness and erudition drew thousands of callers for discussion, halachic decisions, and his blessings.

While holding no official position, Karelitz became the Holy Land's supreme halachic authority. His new home grew in renown. As the destruction of European Jewry and its yeshivot loomed, Karelitz's move appeared to illustrate a traditional maxim, that God provides the medicine before inflicting the disease.

In 1940, Rabbi Joseph Kahaneman, the Ponevezher Rav, was on a mission in the Holy Land when he found himself stranded by the outbreak of World War II. From Bnei Brak, he applied the same energies that had made him a leading scholar, administrator, member of Lithuania's parliament, and Agudat Israel pioneer, in efforts to rescue Lithuanian Jewry from the Holocaust. As the latter's fate became clear, he turned to founding Torah schools in Israel. At the end of 1944, he started the Ponevezh Yeshiva in Bnei Brak. It quickly became a school of intense talmudic study for men of all ages, a duplicate of and a living memorial to its predecessors destroyed by the Nazis.

In the protracted revolt against British occupation, Irgun leaders plotted strategy in Bnei Brak safe houses.

After the war, religious survivors flocked to Bnei Brak by the thousands. Individual neighborhoods took on the identities of a variety of chassidic occupants. Torah study increased in intensity and influence. Bnei Brak was the first community in Israel to close its roads to traffic on Shabbat and holy days. Commentators have traced to here the rise of modern charedi (ultra-rigorous) Judaism.

Caesarea and the Crusader fortress have long been in ruins. Bnei Brak's bustling but unremarkable agglomeration of little shops and buildings along the road to Petach Tikva, ignored by most tourists and guide books, understates its revived prominence.

Demanding "first degree" invitation

Soviets appear breaking promise

By BELINDA SILBERMAN

A roundup of Soviet Jewry news...

Soviet officials appear to be breaking their promise to delay enforcement of rules that would make it more difficult for Jews to emigrate to Israel, says a Jerusalem Post Foreign Service report.

Reports from the Soviet Union say immigration authorities are asking Jews seeking exit visas to produce a letter of invitation from "first degree" relatives in Israel, the JPFS quotes a Jerusalem-based government source as saying.

The rule was proclaimed in early 1987, but the Soviets agreed earlier this year not to enforce it. The commitment was made after U.S. Secretary of State George Shultz raised the issue during a visit to Moscow in February.

Meanwhile, Israel is still seeking direct flights from the Soviet Union to Israel, the government source said.

Talks on the matter are being conducted with the Soviet Union, Rumania and Holland.

Until such flights are available, Israel wants Soviet Jews' visas to be issued by Israeli officials in Bucharest, Rumania, instead of by the Moscow-based Dutch embassy, which represents Israel's interests in the Soviet Union.

This would end the "drop-out" phenomena in which Jews leaving Russia with visas to Israel end up travelling to other destinations after reaching Vienna.

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A new organization made up of leading former Refuseniks and heads of Soviet Jewry organizations in Israel will act as a lobbying group, help develop projects and keep people up-to-date on three key issues, says the new group's spokesman.

Yuli Edelshstein, a former Prisoner of Zion, told The CJN the Zionist Federation of Soviet Jewry will be involved in the struggle for Jewish emigration from the Soviet Union.

It will also focus its efforts on the absorption of Soviet Jewish immigrants in Israel and on the new immigrants' social welfare.

The group, the first of its kind, was launched earlier this month in Jerusalem with former Refusenik Natan Scharansky elected as its first president.

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As the Zionist Federation got off the ground, Scharansky finalized plans to visit Toronto in early June to promote his recently-published Fear No Evil prison memoires.

The 42-year-old Israeli resident will speak at a June 2 public meeting at 8 p.m. at the Beth Tikvah Synagogue, 3080 Bayview Ave.

He will also address a June 3 luncheon meeting of the Canadian Lawyers and Jurists for Soviet Jewry. The event will begin at noon at the downtown Holiday Inn, 89 Chestnut St.

Scharansky's new book — published in English by Random House — began selling this week for $27.95 in local bookstores.

For more information on his visit, call Ben Prossin at Canadian Jewish Congress, (416) 635-2883.

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Leading longtime Moscow Refusenik Yuli Kosharovsky recently met for 2½ hours with Vernon Turner, Canada's ambassador to the Soviet Union.

During the special visit at Canada's Moscow-based embassy, the two discussed the Soviet Jewry situation and the Soviets' new so-called glasnost policy of openness.

Also joining in on the discussion were Canadian Tory MP John Oostrum, embassy counsellor Mary Mosser and Wendy Litwack, chairman of the CJC's Ontario Region Soviet Jewry Committee.

Litwack, who recently returned to Toronto, described the meeting as "historic" because the Canadian embassy — unlike the French, British, Dutch and American embassies in Moscow — doesn't usually receive Refuseniks.

However, Turner told the guests if more Canadian parliamentarians visited the Soviet Union, his embassy would be happy to receive more Refuseniks, Litwack told The CJN.

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Three Canadian MPs are hoping a recent meeting with two Soviet diplomats in Ottawa will result in some improvements for Soviet Jewry.

During the 1½-hour meeting at the Soviet embassy, the politicians discussed Soviet Jews' current position and presented written background material on a number of Refusenik cases.

The Canadian delegation included Tory David Kilgour, Liberal David Berger and New Democrat Howard McCurdy, all members of the Canadian Parliamentary Group for Soviet Jewry.

Representing the Soviet Union were the embassy's minister counsellor Alexei Makarov and first secretary Andrei Choupin.

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The CJC's Vancouver Action for Soviet Jews has joined the international Jewish community this May in observing international solidarity month for Soviet Jewry.

For more information on the calendar of events, call the CJC in Vancouver at (604) 261-8101.

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Moscow Refusenik Vladimir Tufeld arrived recently in Baltimore, Md. after Soviet officials granted him a temporary exit visa to travel to the bedside of his wife, Isolda, who is recovering from brain surgery at Johns Hopkins Medical Centre.

Tufeld, 59, told Soviet Jewry activist Genya Intrator he plans to appeal to Soviet authorities to let him and his wife settle permanently in Israel.

Isolda's U.S. doctors have said she is well enough to travel, but will need the medical care of a nursing home when she reaches the Jewish state.

Tufeld, who also needs medical help, is currently staying at an apartment near the hospital with his son, Igor, who immigrated to Israel in 1977.

When he arrived in the U.S., Tufeld, a former electronics engineer, met for the first time his son's new wife, Natasha, and 7-month-old grandson, Mordechai Michael.

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Fifteen Canadians, led by Intrator, left last week for a 10-day trip to the Soviet Union.

The delegation — including former Toronto mayor Phil Givens and his wife, Min — hopes to visit Soviet officials and Jewish Refuseniks in Moscow, Kiev and Leningrad.

"We're hoping to meet the mayor of Moscow and perhaps other mayors to bring greetings from mayor Art Eggleton of Toronto," Intrator said shortly before she left.

The group also plans to meet with representatives of Soviet women's organizations, said Intrator who emigrated from the Soviet Union at age seven.

Joining the trip are 14 members of the Beth Tzedec synagogue and one member of the Adath Israel congregation. Included are Mirial Small, a former national president of Hadassah-WIZO; Barney Dales, past president of Beth Tzedec; Deenie Reiken, president of Beth Tzedec's sisterhood; and dentist Sam Spivak, a member of Beth Tzedec's Soviet Jewry committee.

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The Association of Soviet Jewry in Canada has set up a new Soviet Jewry committee to help Refuseniks win emigration permission.

The 5-member committee also hopes to act as a resource group, using member's first-hand knowledge of the Soviet system to provide information to Canadian Soviet Jewry activists, says spokesman Ilya Dumov, a former Refusenik who moved to Toronto 15 months ago.

The association — founded in 1977 and made up of between 400 to 500 Jewish immigrants from the Soviet Union — helps newcomers integrate into Canadian society.

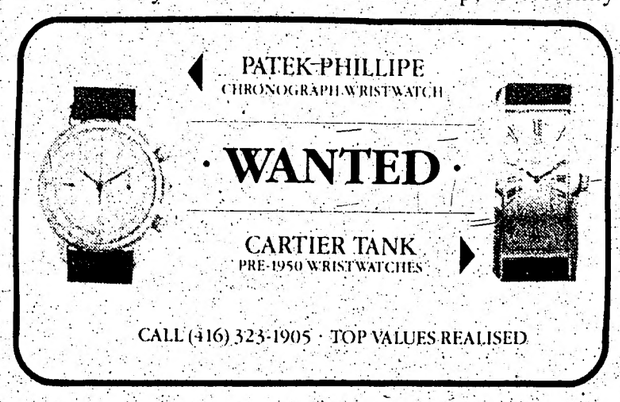
Led by president Boris Aryev, it holds a wide variety of cultural and political events, including concerts and Jewish holiday celebrations.

The association, which works with the CJC and Jewish Immigrant Aid Service, is currently seeking new members.

Memberships are $18 for individuals and $30 for families. A reduced rate is available for senior citizens.

For more information, call (416) 783-4597 between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays, or leave a message on the machine. The association's address is 3546 Bathurst St., 2nd floor, Toronto M6A 2C8.

Leading Moscow Refusenik Yuli Kosharovsky (left) with Vernon Turner, Canada's ambassador to the Soviet Union.



Right-winger could be defence minister

Eitan is rising political star

By DAVID LANDAU

JERUSALEM (JTA) — Rafael Eitan, former Israel Defence Force chief of staff, is shaping up as a potent political force on the far right, and observers here do not rule out the possibility that he could be the next defence minister.

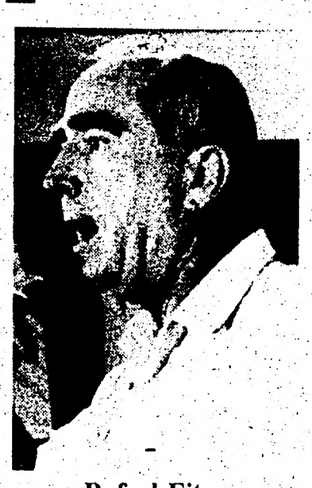
Eitan presently heads the Tzomet Party and is its sole representative in the Knesset. He recently emerged from an internal party conflict with his reputation enhanced.

A career soldier until his recent retirement in 1982, Eitan joined the ultranationalist Tehiya Party. But he broke with Tehiya last year in a stormy confrontation with its firebrand Knesset member, Geula Cohen.

Their falling-out reportedly was over the No. 2 spot on Tehiya's 1988 election list, which is headed by the party's nominal leader, Tel Aviv University physics Professor Yuval Ne'eman.

Many political observers predicted Eitan would quickly fade and fail on his own. Instead, he helped found Tzomet and was overwhelmingly elected its leader. According to recent polls, the party will make a respectable showing in the Knesset elections in November.

Eitan himself is projecting an image of forceful integrity. Having received a report of irregularities in



Rafael Eitan

the original Tzomet elections, he demanded that the entire slate stand for new elections, including himself.

Although his leadership position is hardly threatened, he has risked defections by some of Tzomet's younger members. But the demonstration of puritan values on the part of this hard-bitten, plain-spoken soldier has added to his popularity.

In part, his improved political situation is due to the general strengthening of Israel's right wing since the Palestinian uprising began more than five months ago. Eitan has never concealed his hard-line views.

He advocates the wholesale deportation of Palestinian "agitators" and of the fathers of young stone-throwers, as a punitive and deterrent measure. There are many in Israel today who appreciate such ideas.

According to some political observers, Eitan's star may rise if Likud wins the November elections and reinstates Yitzhak Shamir as Prime Minister. Shamir may be loath to name his Herut critic and political rival Ariel Sharon to the office of defence minister.

While presumably he would choose his close political ally Moshe Arens for the job, that may prove unfeasible in terms of Likud's internal politics. Under such circumstances, Shamir might find Eitan an attractive alternative.

Eitan's long military career was badly tarnished by the report of the Kahan Commission in 1982. The commission, headed by the Supreme Court president, Justice Yitzhak Kahan, conducted an inquiry into the role of the Israel Defence Force in the Shatila and Sabra refugee massacre in West Beirut.

The massacre was the work of Lebanese Christian Phalangists allied with Israel. The commission made no recommendations with respect to Eitan, noting that he was on the point of retiring. The implication was that had his retirement not been imminent, the commission might have urged his removal as chief of staff.

But the Likud and Shamir have never been enthusiastic over the Kahan report. In the event of a Likud election victory, and the fact that the massacre is six years in the past, Shamir may feel he can ignore it and elevate Eitan to a post he might well have attained had fate not intervened.

East German media called anti-semitic

BONN (JTA) — Rabbi Isaac Neuman has renewed his charges that anti-semitism is rampant in East Germany, and has taken another swipe at the leadership of the tiny Jewish community there, implying it was passive in the face of mounting danger.

Neuman is the retired American rabbi who took over as religious leader in East Berlin eight months ago. He quit earlier this month in the midst of a dispute with Hans Rotstein and Peter Kirchner, the chairmen respectively of the East German and East Berlin Jewish communities.

Interviewed last week on the state-owned German television channels, Neuman charged that the official news media and the schools in East Germany were promoting anti-semitism. "I have reports on what they say in school," he said. "It's becoming an anti-Israel, anti-Jewish, anti-semitic cocktail."

Neuman made similar charges when he went on the air in West Berlin on May 5. He repeated them last week, attributing rising anti-semitism to what he called "false, biased reports about the situation in Israel" by the state-controlled East German news media, which "must have a negative influence on the youth in East Germany."

He said East German school children repeatedly overturned tombstones in the Jewish cemeteries and daubed them with swastikas. He linked such occurrences to one-sided reporting about Israel, which was lacking in background and perspective.

Neuman said that during his brief tenure as religious leader of East Germany's Jewish community, he intervened privately with the authorities and went public with his criticism only after the situation did not improve.

Nevertheless, he praised the East German authorities, who, he said, made no difficulties "during the first five months of my work."

But he indicated he got no support in his efforts from Jewish community leaders. He said Rotstein rejected his charges and Kirchner was aware of the situation, but failed to act.

Neuman's feud with community leaders is no secret. He was accused of neglecting his rabbinic duties and seeking publicity. He charged his mail was opened and his sermons censored.

Neuman charged that the East Berlin community had come to accept neglect of its spiritual and cultural needs and dealt only with administrative matters. The local leadership was accustomed to making its own decisions and therefore could not tolerate a rabbi, he said.

East German officials have been upset by Neuman's accusations of anti-semitism. East Germany has embarked on a major effort to gain the goodwill of Jewish communities abroad, including Israel, as a means to improve its relations with the United States.

Plane deal hits snag

MADRID (JTA) — The Spanish defence ministry's efforts to involve Israel Aircraft Industries in a $200 million project to modernize 24 Mirage-3 combat aircraft in the Spanish Air Force has run into strong opposition.

Defence Minister Narciso Serra decided some time ago that two Spanish companies, Ceselsa and Casa, would put together a consortium to do the work. Ceselsa, a private firm, is cooperating with IAI and would bring Israelis into the deal.

Casa, a state-run aircraft manufacturer, works with Marcel Dessault Industries of France, producer of the Mirage planes. Serra has proposed that Ceselsa concentrate on equipping the planes with state-of-the-art electronics systems, based on Israeli knowhow and experience, while Casa does the reconstruction work.

Casa and its powerful supporters in the government and the business community are using their influence to squeeze out any Israeli participation. Their tactic has been to warn of a loss of trade with Arab countries and to capitalize on the current widespread criticism of Israel in Spain for its behavior toward the Palestinians in the territories.

But aides to Serra said here that he will not be deterred by the present campaign, which has Spanish media support. Newspapers here conceded Israel has undisputed experience modernizing the Mirage-3 planes in its own air force.

IAI, meanwhile, has prepared to open an office in Madrid and appointed Josef Nahum as its representative here. David Onn, vice-chairman of IAI, has sent letters to the pertinent Spanish ministries and companies asking them to cooperate with Nahum.

The Name Game

There's a story in almost every Jewish surname and Toronto lawyer FRED M. CATZMAN has been researching their origins over the past few years. Mr. Catzman reports on his research in The CJN. If you have any information relating to the origins and meaning of your surname, please pass it along to Fred M. Catzman, c/o The Canadian Jewish News, 10 Gateway Blvd., Suite 420, Don Mills, Ont. M3C 3A1.

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SACHS = ZACKHEIM

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Many have written to their parents but no one has ever received an answer

THE STORY OF BOYS TOWN JERUSALEM (3)

The escape of Ethiopian Jews to Israel in Operation Moses has brought a new population to this year's enrollment of 1,536 students, whose families come from 45 different countries. Their situation is especially compelling.

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Intense Israeli heat wave causes extensive damage

By JTA & JPFS

TEL AVIV —

Israelis were promised relief last week from one of the worst heat waves in the country's history. The blistering weather has caused crop damage estimated in the millions of dollars and at least one heat-related death.

According to the meteorological service, temperatures that soared over 39 degrees Centigrade for the past few days were expected to drop by 10 to 15 degrees, which is "near normal" for this time of year.

The intense heat was accompanied by a hot, dry, desert wind that Israelis call the Sharav. It was once known by its Arabic name, Khamsin, and is indigenous to the region.

By any name it was a killer because of the widespread fires started and fanned by the wind. Fire brigades all over Israel were kept busy battling blazes in forests, fields and brush. Hundreds of acres of crops burned in Galilee. Chickens, which cannot perspire, died by the scores.

At least 50 fires raged in the Galilee and on the Golan, and fire officials believed the number might rise.

Hundreds of firemen, Jewish National Fund forestry workers, soldiers, and volunteers who had been battling the inferno in the north for two days were so tired that some of them were hardly able to stand.

The fires caused more than half a million dollars' worth of damage to the JNF's planted forests, JNF officials said. Five thousands dunams of pasture and natural woodland and 1,500 dunams of planted forest were destroyed according to Mordechai Ruach, director of the JNF's forestry department.

The hot weather went to the head of some workers at Ben-Gurion Airport. They decided to cook their breakfast in the open air by frying eggs on the engine cover of a tractor. It took three minutes for two eggs and the verdict was "delicious."

In Jerusalem relief was at hand later in the day. Pedestrians had to scurry for shelter when a sudden shower caught them off guard at 5 p.m.

The coolest place in Israel was Eilat, the experts said. The Red Sea port, where year-round heat is guaranteed, clocked up a pleasant 36 degrees, while most of the country was sweltering in the 40s.

Despite its red-hot reputation, Eilat escaped the effects of the Sharav, said weathermen.

It lagged behind Tel Aviv at 42 degrees, and Haifa at 42, and tied Jerusalem's 36. The hottest place, for the second consecutive day, was Jericho, which registered 45 degrees. Runner-up was Tiberias, where crowds packed the shores of the Kinneret as temperatures reached 44 degrees.

Yarra, a village in northern Galilee, had to be evacuated when a grass fire spread to houses adjoining the fields.

The Tel Aviv fire brigade reported a dozen or so brush fires in the metropolitan area, but no serious damage was caused. But elsewhere in the country, light aircraft were called on to help fight fires.

The director of the emergency ward at Ichelov hospital in Tel Aviv reported that 250 people were treated for heat exhaustion, two or three times the normal daily average. Most of the patients were elderly.

The only death directly attributed to the heat wave was that of the assistant manager of a Ramat Hasharon supermarket. It occurred because of an electric power failure — caused by heavy use of air conditioners — which shut down the store's deep freeze and refrigeration units.

The assistant manager, accompanied by an Arab employee, went to the basement to switch on an emergency generator. He lit a candle to locate the switch, but ignited fuel oil stored nearby and was burned to death. The Arab worker was injured.

Meanwhile, swarms of the grasshopper-like insects were reported moving northward from Sinai toward the Negev, borne on the Sharav.

Experts said the locusts number in the billions and, since they eat every bit of greenery in their path, could be a major disaster.

Israel was alerted by the International Locust Report Center in Rome, which coordinates information from Africa, Asia and Europe. It also passes on locust reports from Israel's Arab neighbors, which, except for Egypt, do not communicate directly with Jerusalem.

Aircraft and helicopters of the Chim-Avir crop-dusting company were standing by ready to launch a chemical attack on the locusts. The agriculture ministry set up a locust watch centre, but as The CJN went to press, the insects had not been seen in Israel.

In Jerusalem, an ultra-Orthodox rabbi attributed the threatened spread of locusts, as well as the Palestinian uprising in the territories, to the showing of films in Jerusalem cinemas on Friday nights.

"It is all caused by cinemas being open on Shabbat — the Arabs, the locusts, all the plagues. The misfortunes will continue until they close the cinemas on Shabbat," Gershon Shtamer told The Jerusalem Post.

The last locust plague to hit Israel was in 1958, when the yellow desert insects reached as far north as Nahariya.

Leftist publisher arrested

JERUSALEM (JPFS) —

Asaf Adiv, publisher of the radical left-wing newspaper Derech Hanitzotz, has been arrested. Plainclothes police came to arrest Adiv in his office as he was being interviewed by a foreign television crew.

The newspaper's entire senior staff has been detained and interrogated by police over the past three months.

Sources in the police and the State Attorney's Office said that charge sheets against the four journalists already in jail will be issued in the next few days. The sources said that they will be charged with belonging to an illegal organization — Nayef Hawatmeh's Soviet-aligned Democratic Front for the Liberation of Palestine — and having contact with a foreign agent.

The State Attorney is also considering charging some of the Derech Hanitzotz staffers with treason, the sources said.

Adiv, 34, was born and raised on Kibbutz Gan Shmuel. He is the younger brother of Udi Adiv, who was convicted of spying for Syria.

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The U.S. state department has criticized Israel for arresting three journalists of Al-Fajr, an Arabic-language newspaper published in East Jerusalem.

"We strongly oppose efforts to restrict the free expression of views through the press," said department spokeswoman Phyllis Oakley. "The Palestinian media in East Jerusalem play an important role in expressing the views of Palestinians and in providing information."

The newspaper's editors and three journalists were arrested last week by Israeli military authorities. Each was ordered detained for 15 days, without being charged and without the possibility of appeal. Recently, the paper's managing editor was jailed without trial for six months, according to media reports.

Oakley also said the United States opposes the practice of administrative detention. "Those detained should be accorded judicial due process," she said. "We certainly hope that administrative detention is not being used to restrict legitimate expression of ideas through the media."

Army radio censors Joan Baez performance

TEL AVIV (JTA) —

The Israel Defence Force radio censored a performance by American folk singer Joan Baez last week because she sang a Hebrew protest song that is banned from broadcast on the army radio.

The song, entitled Shooting and Crying, purports to portray the feelings of young Israeli soldiers ordered to suppress Arab disturbances in the territories.

Baez, who performed at the Mann Auditorium in Tel Aviv, included the controversial song on her program. The IDF cancelled its live broadcast, but taped the singer and later broadcast the tape from which the song had been deleted, Haaretz said.

In another development, Baez was pelted with eggs by followers of Rabbi Meir Kahane's extremist Kach movement.

The incident occurred outside the Sarafand military base, near Ramla, where Baez was demonstrating with members of the Yesh G'vul movement against the imprisonment of Israel Defence Force reserve soldiers who refuse to serve in the territories.

Police intervened to separate the two groups.

The Jewish Quiz

QUESTIONS:

1. What marks the end of Shabbat and festivals?
2. How many benedictions are recited during the Havdala ceremony?
3. What is used during the Havdala ceremony?

Edmond Y. Lipsitz

ANSWERS:

1. The Havdala ("distinction") ceremony.
2. Four (over wine, spices, light, and the distinction between the sacred and the profane, between light and darkness, between Israel and the nations, between the seventh day and the six work days.)
3. Wine, spices (besamim) and a twisted candle.

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"Settlement must be based on Resolution 242"

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assessment by Shamir was dramatically undermined last week.

It was apparent that the administration's decision to go so public in criticizing Shamir was part of a new and more assertive strategy to promote the peace process. Shultz is due to return to the Middle East early next month following the Moscow summit.

The Americans currently view the stance adopted by Shamir — especially his opposition to an international peace conference — as the major obstacle standing in the way of revived negotiations. A decision by Israel to participate in Shultz's proposed conference would set the stage for direct peace talks, according to U.S. officials. Their statement was designed to lean on Shamir to accept the American plan.

Thus, Shultz, for his part, similarly went out of his way to hail Peres when they emerged from the state department following a working luncheon. "I appreciate Foreign Minister Peres' commitment and resolve to achieve a good negotiating process and I look forward to continuing our efforts together," the secretary said in a lengthy, prepared statement which he read to reporters with Peres standing at his side.

Peres was beaming.

The Shultz and White House statements both reaffirmed the administration's longstanding position that any negotiating process between Israel and its Arab neighbors will require an exchange of land for peace. U.S. officials pointedly noted that Peres supports this stance, while Shamir rejects any territorial compromise on the West Bank and Gaza Strip.

"A settlement must be grounded on the realistic basis of UN Security Council Resolution 242 and its call for an exchange of territory for peace," the White House statement said.

Shultz spelled that position out in even greater detail. "All of resolution 242's provisions and principles, including its promise of an exchange of territory for peace, will apply to all negotiations between Israel and its neighbors," he said.

Peres denied that the statement should be seen as improper U.S. interference in domestic Israeli politics. "What's bad about it?" he asked.

The foreign minister's aides were also very pleased by the statement. They acknowledged that it would cause severe consternation among Shamir and his supporters.

In the White House statement, the U.S. called the Shultz plan "the only realistic basis on which to make progress toward peace. The alternative is a drift toward a much graver future in the region. Extremist forces will gain strength at the expense of moderates at the very moment that proliferating ballistic missiles and chemical weapons are creating a far more ominous military environment."

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Peres emerged from a 30-minute meeting with Reagan expressing confidence that Reagan will pursue the Middle East peace process during his summit talks with Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev in Moscow May 29 to June 2.

Peres told reporters that Reagan told him he will discuss the peace process, the need for Moscow to resume diplomatic relations with Israel, and the cause of Soviet Jewry.

But Peres cautioned that he did not expect an agreement to be reached in Moscow on the peace process, but rather a continuation of the effort by the United States to bring about negotiations between Israel and Jordan.

He said it is easy to say "no, but to say 'yes' you have to collect so many yesses that it takes time."

Peres said he stressed to Reagan that the peace process is "complicated . . . but there is no reason to give up and no reason to feel we have reached the end of the road." He added that "the United States is determined to continue the peace movement and so are we."

However, the Soviet Union is demanding an international conference that would actually negotiate a Middle East settlement. This is the opposite of the proposals made by Secretary of State Shultz and supported by Peres which envisions a conference that would set the stage for direct negotiations between Israel and a Jordanian-Palestinian delegation and would neither impose nor veto any agreement reached by the parties involved.

Peres said that the Soviets could play a part in the peace process "if they are serious in their support of peace, if they are not enemies of Israel" and if they resume diplomatic relations with Jerusalem.

Noting that Israel and the Soviets have been holding discussions on resuming relations, Peres said "they have told me that what has happened over the last year is almost a drama in the relations between the Soviet Union and Israel, to which I replied maybe it's a drama, but . . . it is not dramatic enough."

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Meanwhile, Peres stressed that he supports an international conference because it is the only way to bring Jordan into negotiations with Israel.

"We (Israel) do not need an international conference, but we need Jordanians," Peres told the some 2,000 people attending a banquet at the 29th annual policy conference of the American Israel Public Affairs Committee (AIPAC).

He explained that the Palestinian problem can only be solved through a Jordanian-Palestinian context, adding that most Jordanians are Palestinians and all Palestinians on the West Bank are Jordanian citizens.

Peres said that an international conference acceptable to Israel must be one "that will not impose a solution, that will not dictate negotiations, that will not veto their agreements."

Peres sought to assuage American Jewish concern about the deep divisions in Israel. "I know that you are worried about the fact that we are divided in Israel," he said.

Quipping that differences are one way "we remain Jewish," Peres stressed that pluralism is the strength, not the weakness, of a democracy.

In outlining the consensus within Israel on several key issues, Peres said Israel will never accept a suggestion to divide Jerusalem or to return to the pre-1967 lines. "We cannot permit ourselves to create not only a weakness in our defence, but a temptation in the minds of other countries that may have the wish to try their hands again in the military strategies."

He said the Jordan River "will be the line where no foreign army will be permitted" to cross and "reach the heart of our narrow land and create a menace in the gates of Jerusalem."

"We shall not support the creation of a Palestinian state and a Palestinian army that may be equipped with Russian weapons and assisted with Russian experts," he said.

While Peres applauded the differences within Israel, two U.S. senators who spoke at the banquet warned that criticism by Jews and others in the United States may endanger Israel.

"Every criticism saps Israel's energy for dealing with the dangers she faces," Sen. Mitch McConnell (R-Ky.) said. He said there has been an erosion of support for Israel because of the television pictures of Israel's handling of the uprising on the West Bank and Gaza Strip.

"It is not enough for American Jews to support Israel, the rest of our country must as well," McConnell said.

Sen. J. Bennett Johnson (D-La.) said members of Congress should keep from pressing solutions on Israel since it is the survival of Israel that is at stake. "It is not up to dilettantes to advise what is the best formula," he said.

Peres did not refer to the uprising in the territories directly, but he said Israel will give Palestinians all their legitimate rights, except the right to attack it. "We shall not censor the minds of Arabs, but we shall not permit anyone to come with a stone, or a knife, or a bomb in his pockets," he said.

In Jerusalem, Shamir said that once the uprising has died down, Israel should endeavor to launch talks with the Arab side, as laid down in the Camp David Accords.

Speaking at the Knesset foreign affairs and defence committee, the Prime Minister also said that once the idea of an international conference has vanished from the agenda, the way to direct negotiations would be open.

Asked about reports that World Jewish Congress president Edgar Bronfman had told him that the Soviet Union would consider an international Middle East peace conference that would not have the power to impose a settlement, Shamir replied, "The United States prefers direct talks between Israel and the Arabs, while the Soviet Union, which prefers an international conference, insists that the PLO take part, something which the Americans object to."

Shamir said he welcomed a statement by Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak in the Kuwaiti newspaper Al-Siyassah in favor of direct negotiations. Mubarak said in the interview that the Arabs should not reject the U.S. peace initiative out of hand.

Shamir declared: "The Palestinians have become disillusioned with King Hussein, and lately we have heard calls from them for direct talks with Israel too.

A member of the Ukrainian Supreme Soviet, Vassil Osnatch, said during a visit to Israel that the Soviet Union would resume diplomatic relations with Israel "in 15 minutes" if it agreed to attend an international peace conference.

Osnatch was heading a 4-man delegation invited by the Israel-USSR Friendship League to celebrate the 43rd anniversary of the victory over Nazi Germany. They attended a rally in the Red Army Forest near Jerusalem and at Kibbutz Haogen before coming to Haifa "to see the successful coexistence of Jews and Arabs we have heard about."

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Chief Rabbi displays hate mail

Italian Jewry facing huge wave of anti-semitism

ROME (JTA) —

Chief Rabbi Elio Toaff of Rome, displaying bundles of hate mail and scores of photographs of anti-semitic graffiti at a news conference in the Great Synagogue here last week, substantiated his recent charge that Italian Jewry is facing the worst wave of anti-semitism since the fascist regime a half century ago.

He was accompanied by Giacomo Saban, president of Rome's Jewish community, who also related numerous incidents involving anti-semitic behavior. They said they believed the phenomenon was directly related to hostility towards Israel for the harsh measures it has used to suppress the Palestinian uprising in the West Bank and Gaza Strip.

Much of the hate mail they displayed attested to that fact. Toaff warned that Italy is facing anti-semitism similar to that which engulfed it when Benito Mussolini, emulating Hitler, promulgated racial laws aimed against Jews.

The chief rabbi created a stir in a newspaper interview earlier this month, where he branded as anti-semitic certain elements of the Roman Catholic press and the Vatican.

He reiterated those charges at the news conference, but broadened his criticism to include the mainstream Italian press.

"We are particularly worried by articles that appear in authoritative publications, even in the Catholic framework, which put forward attitudes hostile to Judaism, both in the social and religious spheres, and which ... may be particularly influential on the mass (readership)," he said.

Toaff related incidents in which Jews were accosted in the streets of Rome. He said a student at the university was forced to remove a Star of David from a chain around his neck.

An elderly survivor of the Auschwitz death camp was asked by a doctor who saw the concentration camp tattoo on his arm, "How many Palestinians have you killed today in your concentration camps?"

In another episode, a Rome Jew was mailed a partly burned copy of the local Jewish magazine, Shalom, with a note reading "Mr. Jew, would you kindly free Palestine if you do not want to end up like this newspaper. A thousand thanks." The note was signed "Not anti-semites, but friends of Palestine."

The chief rabbi responded to questions about Jewish attitudes toward Israeli policies. "Every Jew is always in sympathy with the state of Israel, with which he shares its fate, and which represents for him a principle of continuity from the religious and moral points of view, and also from the point of view of security," Toaff said.

"As for the Israeli government, it's not I who names it. I don't have to like it. I support the state and the people it represents."

Scandal mushrooms

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status of the German Jewish community.

The overall administration of West German reparations funds is administered by the New York-based Conference on Jewish Material Claims Against Germany. Its executive director, Saul Kagan, said he was "shocked" by the allegations against Nachmann.

According to Karl Brozik, who heads the Frankfurt office of the Claims Conference, the Conference used to examine and approve or disapprove claims for reparations, and then forward them to the Jewish Central Council.

Subsequently, the Council would transfer to the Claims Conference account the sums needed to satisfy those claims that were approved, Brozik told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency.

According to government statistics, 124,900 claims were filed by individual Jewish persecutees as of July 20, 1986, of which 64,000 have been approved to date.

Another charge was made against Nachmann by Prof. Leo Rubinstein, chairman of the Jewish community in Baden, who announced his resignation. He said the former president of the Jewish Central Council had used the regional community's money to finance private investments and pay the bills of his Otto Nachmann textile company.

Eberhard Braun, executor of Nachmann's estate, said that the late Jewish leader left no money to cover claims from various organizations. He said Nachmann's businesses were heavily in debt when he died. Bankruptcy proceedings for the textile company began in a Karlsruhe court last week.

Second meeting to raise funds

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"He was delighted to see the younger faces and expressed that right away," Ain commented. "I think he made a very significant impression upon the group as a sincere statesman."

Granovsky said Peres met immediately afterwards with another group of prominent members of the Canadian Jewish community.

About 30 people attended, including Montreal residents Charles Bronfman and Sen. Leo Kolber, and Toronto residents Eph Diamond, Syd Cooper, Edward Bronfman, Sol Lederman, David Goldberg, Allan Offman and Jack Rose.

During the second meeting, which lasted about 45 minutes, Peres focused on the upcoming Israeli election, updating the group on the situation and answering questions, Granovsky said.

One source told The CJN the second meeting was held to raise funds for the Labor Party. Peres heads the party.

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Beit Halochem's Weinstein wins new victory

By
BELINDA SILBERMAN

TORONTO —
Prominent businessman Berny Weinstein has won another victory in his 11-year battle to help Israel's disabled war veterans.

As more than 650 people honored him at a recent dinner sponsored by Beit Halochem's Canadian affiliate, thousands of dollars were raised to help build a new rehabilitation centre in Jerusalem.

"Friends, your presence here tonight tells me that you care for your fellow human being," Weinstein, 69, head of Danbury Sales auctioneers and liquidators, told the crowd at the Constellation Hotel.

"You are offering your assistance to the courageous men and women, who have given of themselves both physically and mentally so that they may rehabilitate and return to full-time jobs and live normal lives."

The new centre — to be Beit Halochem's third in Israel — will help service Israel's 37,000 disabled veterans, Weinstein said. It will be located on a 10-acre site in the Malcha area in South Jerusalem.

During the gala $250-a-plate fund raising dinner, friends, relatives, business associates and other Beit Halochem supporters paid tribute to Weinstein, who in 1977, began helping disabled Israeli veterans.

At that time, Weinstein, along with six friends, raised funds to bring 10 veterans aged 21 to 59 for a 2-week vacation to Toronto where they were hosted by families belonging to Weinstein's synagogue, Beth David B'nai Israel Beth Am.

The organization, which soon became known as Beit Halochem, Aid to Disabled Veterans of Israel (Canada), later expanded its programs to Beth Tzedec Synagogue, Holy Blossom Temple and most recently, Adath Israel Synagogue.

In the mid-1980s supporters of the Canadian organization helped raise funds to finish Beit Halochem's second rehabilitation centre in Haifa. Until then, there had been only one, located in Ramat Hasharon, a suburb of Tel Aviv.

"We pay tribute this evening to a person who has been touched by the problems of the disabled veterans of Israel," Ontario Lt.-Gov. Lincoln Alexander said of Weinstein.

"He's concerned about the paraplegics, blind, amputees, brain damaged and of course, their families. He is concerned about their psychological and physical rehabilitation."

"I salute you, Sir," Alexander said. "Thank you for your hard work, your dedication, your commitment and your compassion."

Weinstein's daughter, Heather Ordon, told the crowd her father exemplified the meaning of the word "tzedeka."

"You epitomize the word 'caring', you personify the word 'decent', you define the word 'understanding'," said the 38-year-old mother of three.

Ordon, who works in Danbury Sales along with her 39-year-old husband, David, said her father's early years had been fraught with struggle.

As a boy, the Toronto-born Weinstein had wanted to become a chartered accountant, but his parents could not afford to send him to university, she said.

"They desperately needed his help at the family grocery store."

When Heather was born, Weinstein sold the business and turned over the proceeds to his parents enabling them to retire.

"The next few years were rough for my parents," said Ordon, recalling how her father even sold Christmas trees to support the family.

Yet those financially troubled times helped influence his sensitivity towards others, she said.

"Many times I have told him he should become a social worker. He's always the first to lend a helping hand whether it be financial or emotional and he asks for nothing in return."

Later, Weinstein's one-man Danbury Sales operation achieved success and the family's struggles ended.

During the tribute dinner, Weinstein was presented with a hanukkiah made from empty cartridge cases. Only two others like it have been given out by Israel's Zahal Disabled Veterans Association. One has been given to the Jewish state's president and the other, the defence minister.

Weinstein's gift was presented on behalf of Zahal by Harvey Joseph, president of the Beit Halochem's Canadian affiliate.

Weinstein's 69-year-old wife, Belle, was also given a special gift.

"We are all familiar with the expression that behind every successful man is a devoted woman," said Moti Biran, a disabled war veteran, who has visited the Weinstein family.

"Such a woman and wife to Berny is Belle."

Weinstein was also paid tribute by friends, relatives and others in a special video shown on a giant screen at one end of the hall.

"I've given a little of my time and financial assistance," an overwhelmed Weinstein later told the crowd.

"In return I have been rewarded tenfold. I have acquired hundreds of my Israeli brethren as family and have been lavished with love.

"And here in Canada I have made many new dear friends, who have given me a great deal of recognition and honor and all this has given me youth and health and more wealth."

Special guests at the dinner included Paul Rothstein, dinner chairman, and his wife Gella, arrangements chairman; Alex Eisen, tribute committee co-chairman, and his wife, Olga; Victor Shields, tribute committee co-chairman, and his wife, Ricky; Rabbi Philip Scheim, of the Beth David synagogue, and his wife, Lori.

Also present were Weinstein's son, Lawrence, 42, who works for Danbury Sales; and the Ordon children Stacey, 11, Michael, 9½, and Jonathon, 5.

Special friends David Graham and wife, Freda, who originally introduced Weinstein to the Beit Halochem organization, also flew in from London, England to attend the event.

Visit to Israel impresses scouts from Canada

By
CAROLYN BLACKMAN

TORONTO —
The charm of Israel and its people has made a strong impression upon more than 80 members of Scouts Canada.

On their recent trip to Israel, the Ontario group, comprised mostly of non-Jews, said they were greeted warmly by Israeli scouts and treated like family.

"From the moment we landed, the scouts just couldn't do enough for us," said Rob Lyons, 18, a tour member. He said that "the country is full of beautiful scenery, historical sites and wonderful people."

Keith Boustead, 18, said that the whole trip surprised him. "I knew it was a beautiful country but I wasn't prepared for how beautiful it really is."

He added that before he met the Israeli scouts he had been a little concerned that they would have nothing in common. "They also surprised me. From the time we met, we were friends."

Robert Engel, coordinator and tour leader, said that it was "heartwarming to see Jews and non-Jews, Israelis and Canadians enjoying Sabbath dinner together prepared by Israeli scouts.

Israeli scouts also took their Canadian friends to such sites as the Old City in Jerusalem, Dizengoff Circle in Tel Aviv, Eilat and Haifa.

As well, the Canadian scouts did such things as visit Yad Vashem, climb Masada, swim in the Red Sea and visit King Solomon's mines.

Adam Cantor, 16, said that what most of his group found interesting was the age of Israeli scout leaders. "Israeli leaders are a lot younger than they are in Canada. At 18 Israelis enter the army and leave scouting, so their leaders are as young as 16. Scout leaders here are never younger than 18 or 19."

Cantor added that because Israeli youth enter the army at 18 they mature a lot faster. "While we decide what movie to see or what record to buy, kids the same age in Israel are defending their country. While we carry around portable stereo systems, they're carrying submachine guns."

All three group members agreed that after reading media reports on the clashes in Israel they were "pleasantly surprised to find a calm peaceful country. I thought I would be nervous walking around, but I felt that nothing was wrong," Lyons said.

He added that he hopes his first trip to Israel will be the first of many.

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Organizations and People

Rain fails to dampen spirit

Walk for Israel, Festival prove hearty success

By
ESTHER MEHR

TORONTO —
Not even the forces of nature could dampen the festive spirit of the 19th annual United Jewish Appeal/Toronto Jewish Congress Walk for Israel and 40th Anniversary Festival.

Although the torrent of rain necessitated the closing of checkpoints earlier than planned, organizers were thankful that "the heavens didn't open up" until later in the afternoon when the majority of walkers had reached the Festival site at the Jewish Community Centre. By noon it was jammed with thousands of children and adults.

Walkers were checking in and depositing their sponsor monies, which were then transferred to waiting armored cars at the first checkpoint, from 7.30 till past 11 a.m.

Participants travelled the route by every conceivable means of locomotion aside from the customary two legs. Seen all the way down Bathurst were bicycles, baby carriages, wagons, skateboards and wheelchairs.

Well-known Toronto artist, Ron Satok, who lost his sight several years ago, completed the route accompanied by his guide dog Paisley, and young companion David Robins.

One of the more gratifying aspects of this year's Walk was the group participation of an estimated contingent of 70 physically disabled and developmentally handicapped young people. They were led by Helen Wolfe, who chaired the committee responsible for this special component of the day's activities.

The Walk and Festival, chaired by Gloria Clamen and Barbara Lampcov, is one they say could not come off as well as it does "without our superb committee" who began their day at 4.30 a.m., and the hundreds of volunteers who "performed yeomen duties" throughout the entire day, despite the rain.

The radio communication control network, manned by Dr. Ed Sheffman, his wife Helen and Moe Goldhar, was set up on the fifth floor of the Lipa Green Building.

The three remained at their posts virtually nonstop from 7 a.m. until it was all over, relaying messages that ranged from lost children trying to locate their parents and vice versa, to traffic control problems, and diversion of supplies from checkpoint to checkpoint.

Adding a special touch to the day's festive atmosphere was the appearance of popular Olympic ice-skating duo Lyndon Johnston and Denise Benning. They were kept busy signing autographs at various checkpoints and later joined in the fun at the Festival site.

The JCC upper parking lot was transformed into a gala carnival that included an open air cafe. Blue and white tents dotted the site, and were handy as shelters when the rains came.

UJA and TJC staff were also on hand supervising and helping out at checkpoints and at the Festival. David Gotfrid and Ted Sokolsky undertook staff responsibilities for the Walk and Festival, respectively. They also began their day at 4.30 a.m.

Later in May there will be a draw for a round-trip ticket to Israel, courtesy of El Al Airlines, from among the walkers who handed in a minimum of $40.

All funds raised through the Walk will go toward the operation of the Day-care and Early Education Centre currently under construction in Toronto UJA's Project Renewal community of Kfar Gvirol.

For 1989 campaign co-chairmen Julia Koschitzky and Don Rafelman (holding their grandchildren), the recent UJA/TJC walk was a 3-generation event. Shown with them at the starting checkpoint are: TJC president Herb Rosenfeld; walk chairman Gloria Clamen; Lisa Ain, daughter of TJC executive director Steve Ain; and Debbi Singer, Rafelman's daugher.

Stashiver makes commitment

TORONTO —
The Stashiver Society & Ladies Auxiliary has the distinction of being the first group to commit itself to the funding of a special project in the Toronto United Jewish Appeal Project Renewal community of Kfar Gvirol.

Committee chairman for the fund raising effort is long-time UJA worker Henry Jaskolka. The committee also includes Nathan Freedman, Joe Bloom, Gertie Kates, Shalom Hershkop, Jack Rosen and Wolf Jaskolka.

The Stashiver commitment to raise money for part of the daycare and kindergarten facility now under construction, was undertaken two years ago. If Henry Jaskolka is smiling a lot these days, it is with good reason. He says response from the membership has been "even more generous and enthusiastic than I had hoped for when I took on this responsibility.

Jaskolka, who is the Society's UJA chairman, emphasized that funds committed to the Kfar Gvirol project are "above and beyond" UJA campaign contributions made annually by the membership.

What Jaskolka would very much like to see is other societies emulating the Stashiver initiative by taking on similar Project Renewal commitments.

"Raising as much money as I possibly can for Israel, is my 'profession' and one that I thoroughly enjoy," he added.

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UJA/TJC 40th anniversary celebration

Giant Israel birthday cake featured at Festival

Following cake-cutting ceremony, dignitaries added their signatures to the many Torontonians wishing Israel a Happy Birthday. From left are: 40th anniversary committee chairman Sidney Greenberg; Ontario Minister of Health Elinor Caplan; Trinity MP Aideen Nicholson; Minister of Employment and Immigration Barbara McDougall and Israel Consul-General Benjamin Abileah.

By
LEILA SPEISMAN

TORONTO —

To enthusiastic Hebrew and English renditions of "Happy Birthday to Israel" and a loud yell of "Shalom al Yisrael" (Peace to Israel) government, communal and Israeli officials cut a giant birthday cake. It was part of the Israel Festival celebrating the Jewish state's 40th birthday, following the 1988 UJA/TJC Walk for Israel.

The 12 foot by three foot white cake was decorated with Israeli flags and the words "Happy 40th Birthday" in blue and white icing. United Jewish Appeal public relations associate Esther Mehr said that the cake was brought in two halves from Food City Kosher Bakery and assembled and finished at the site.

After valiant efforts by UJA staff and volunteers to keep curious fingers away from the cake, an announcement at the festival brought nearly 100 people to see the excitement.

Honorary cake-cutters, resplendent in blue and white bakers' aprons and wielding knives with blue and white ribbons, included Elinor Caplan, provincial minister of health; Barbara McDougall; federal minister of employment and immigration; Benjamin Abileah, Israel consul-general; Sidney Greenberg, chairman of the 40th anniversary committee; Sheila Engel, member of the committee; Herb Rosenfeld, President, Toronto Jewish Congress; Nisan Krupsky, Mayor of Nes Tziona in Israel; Julia Koschitsky and Don Rafelman, co-chairmen of the 1989 UJA campaign; and Bar Lev, architect of the Posluns Community Centre being built in Nes Tziona.

What's going on in the community?
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What's New and About People.

Lastman to seek eighth term

TORONTO —

For the 8th time around Mel's in the running.

North York Mayor Mel Lastman recently announced that he will seek another term in this fall's muncipal election, saying "I can't think of a job I'd rather have than to serve the people of North York."

Lastman's announcement came shortly after the Ontario Municipal Board approval of the city's $2 billion development plan.

"It's exciting to start these things (North York's downtown) and to see them finished," Lastman said after the ruling.

While seeking his eighth term as mayor of "The City With a Heart," Lastman will encounter some changes in North York council should he be returned. (To date no one has said they will run against the mayor.)

This time around voters will get to chose who gets to sit on Metro Council as a result of direct election legislation approved by the Ontario government.

This legislation, according to Lastman, will reduce the position of mayor to that of a full time lobbyist at Metro explaining local issues to Metro councillors.

"It will be a job of begging all the time," he told The CJN. "They are going to turn the mayors into full time beggers."

In the past North York council has sent four controllers, as well as five aldermen and the mayor to sit on Metro council.

Under the new system, the board of control has been eliminated and Metro councillors will be directly elected by the public.

Lastman called the new system "an ill-conceived concept" that will reduce Metro councillors' accountability and leave taxpayers with only the mayor and ward alderman looking after their interests at local councils.

The mayor said that as well as direct election resulting in less accountability, it is possible that it will make local councils less relevant in the future.

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What's New

By
MIRIAM HERMAN

DEADLINE REMINDER

A reminder that the regular deadline for material for the What's New and About People columns is Monday at 5 p.m., the week prior to issue date (i.e. 10 days before — deadline for June 9 is Monday, May 30, at 5 p.m.). I am at my desk on Mondays to receive your calls and sort my mail. However, some material has been arriving too late to be included. Do try to send your items out in good time. Otherwise they sit on my desk until the following Monday.

Also, when there are deadline changes due to a holiday, I will let you know well in advance.

Thursday, May 26

A CONCERT FOR REENA

On Thursday, May 26, at the Silver Dollar, 484 Spadina Ave., **Mark Brodkin** and **Ari Huber** of LA Productions will present The Alternatives live in concert. The time is 8 p.m. onwards.

Admission is $7 and Mark and Ari are donating all the proceeds of the event to the Reena Foundation. So, go have a good time and know that developmentally handicapped people will benefit.

A MEDICAL PERSPECTIVE

At the Thursday, May 26, meeting of the North York Association for Children With Learning Disabilities, **Dr. Alice Kozner** will speak on Pupils, Parents and the Pediatricians.

The time is 8 p.m. at the Assembly Hall, North York Board of Education Administration Centre, 5050 Yonge St. Admission is free and coffee and conversation will follow the lecture.

Friday, May 27

HAPPY MUSICAL HOUR

Concert pianist **Lola Julitta Burns** is performing in a musical happy hour at Lincoln Place Nursing Home, 429 Walmer Rd., on Friday, May 27, from 2.15-3.15 p.m. Her program will include semi-classical, Hebrew and Jewish music.

Sunday, May 29

FUN AUCTION

The Golan Volunteer Group's 20th annual fun auction in aid of Ben Yehuda School in Jerusalem for children with learning disabilities and physical handicaps will be held on Sunday, May 29, at 7 p.m. at Beth Radom Synagogue, 18 Reiner St. (at Bathurst).

JEWISH VEGETARIAN SOCIETY

The Jewish Vegetarian Society is planning a social evening at North York Central Library auditorium, 2nd floor, 5120 Yonge St., on Sunday, May 29, at 7 p.m.

The charge is $3 members, $4 non-members.

GRAND SOCIETY

The GRAND Society (Grandparents Requesting Access and Dignity) meeting on Sunday, May 29, features **Eleanor Cooper**, who is with the North York task force on "granny bashing." The time is 1.30 p.m. at 16 Spadina Rd.

There is a charge of $2 at the door for non-members.

GARAGE SALE

There's a fabulous opportunity for spring shoppers at the garage sale sponsored by Elan Chapter, B'nai B'rith Women. It runs on Sunday, May 29, from 9.30 a.m. to 2.30 p.m. at 195 North Meadow Cres., Thornhill (off York Hill Blvd.).

RUN FOR RESEARCH

Sunnybrook Medical Centre's 7th annual Run for Research is set for Sunday, May 29. The 10 km run starts and finishes at the hospital, beginning at 9 a.m. (registration is at 7 a.m.). There is also a 1 km fun run for those interested in a shorter race.

For information about sponsorship forms and pre-registration, call the Run Hotline at 480-4827.

TEA & FASHION SHOW

Renana Chapter of Hadassah-WIZO is hosting its annual tea and fashion show on Sunday, May 29, from 2-5 p.m. at the home of **Bella Hull**, 30 Deanbank Dr., Thornhill. The fashions, by **Betty Kestenberg** will be shown continuously throughout the afternoon.

Admission is $12 and refreshments will be served.

JEWISH FOLK CHOIR CONCERT

Vivian Reis, stage, radio, TV and film actress and 1987 Gemini Award-winner, will be the narrator in the Toronto Jewish Folk Choir's performance of Gedenk Main Folk (Remember, O My People) on Sunday, May 29, at 7.30 p.m. at Hart House, University of Toronto.

Vivian Reis

Baritone soloist will be **Daniel Neff.** Also featured will be the choral premiere of Toronto composer **Srul Irving Glick's** Four Yiddish Songs for Mixed Choir, Viola and Piano performed by the choir's Ensemble Singers with violist **Mark Childs** as soloist and **Lina Zemelman** at the piano. The choir's conductor is **Voltr Ivonoffski.**

The Ensemble Singers will also perform Hebrew, English and French Canadian songs, while the entire choir will mark the 80th anniversary of the death of **Alexander Goldfadden** with a rendition of his melodies, including Roshinkes Mit Mandlen (Raisins and Almonds).

Tickets at $9 adults, $4.50 students, will be available at the door or can be ordered in advance by calling 489-7681 or 633-8184.

Program notes in English will be available for the audience.

WHITE ELEPHANT SALE

A white elephant sale, featuring gently used articles and better clothing, is being sponsored by Beth Jacob V'Anshei Drildz Sisterhood on Sunday, May 29, from 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at 147 Overbrook Pl. (south-west corner of Wilmington).

BARGAINS GALORE

Come to the 4th annual garage sale held by Na'amat's Club Dafna where you'll find lots of great buys on jewelry, housewares, books and toys.

The date is Sunday, May 29, at 34 Dana Cres. (off Chabad Gate) from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

GIANT MASS RALLY

Sunday, May 29, is the date of the giant mass rally in support of Israel, sponsored by several community and religious organizations. It takes place at Earl Bales Park (Bathurst and Sheppard) from 2-4 p.m.

Special guests will be **Rev. John William Van Der Hoeven** of the International Christian Embassy, Jerusalem, and **Widad Van Der Hoeven**, who are flying in to Toronto from Israel especially to address this rally.

Monday, May 30

DREAM THERAPY

Club Atida of Na'amat invites young married women in the Forest Hill area and south of Hwy. 401 to an intriguing program with **Jerry Steinberg** on Dream Therapy on Sunday, May 30, at 8 p.m.

For information and to RSVP, call the Na'amat office at 636-5425 days or **Emily** at 884-2981 or 884-8559.

A LUCKY DRAW

Are you a gambler? Nir Gelim Chapter of Hadassah-WIZO is holding a draw for the winning ticket for two round trips to Budapest, Hungary, on Monday, May 30, at 11 a.m. at the Hadassah-WIZO office, 788 Marlee Ave.

Free refreshments will be served. Do come out for this exciting event. Proceeds will go to Youth Aliyah.

The two trips have been donated by Travel Cor Services Inc. KLM Airlines.

For more information and tickets, call **Aggie Weis** at 663-1044.

CANADIAN DIABETES ASSOCIATION

A kick off meeting to welcome the Canadian Diabetes Association to Etobicoke will be held on Monday, May 30, at 8 p.m. at the Etobicoke Board of Education Building (cafeteria and lounge), 1 Civic Centre Court (1 block south of Burnhamthorpe, east off the West Mall).

Special guests will include representatives from municipal and provincial governments and the special speaker will be **Dr. Gerry Wong**, director of Diabetes Services, St. Michael's Hospital. His topic will be Living with Diabetes.

There will also be exhibits, free literature and refreshments. For more information, call **Lesley Collins** at 488-5066.

Tuesday, May 31

FIT FOR LIFE HEALTH AUCTION

The annual Fit For Life Health Auction is set for Tuesday, May 31, at 155 College St., starting at 7 p.m. This is your opportunity to bid on more than 150 items such as massage therapy sessions, weekend retreats at health spas, back rests, and exercise classes.

Vegetarian meals will be served from 6-7 p.m. For more information, call the Canadian Natural Hygiene Society at 781-0359.

A MEMBERSHIP CELEBRATION

Club Yamit of Na'amat (formerly Pioneer Women) invites young married women in the Bathurst-Steeles area to a prospective members evening on Tuesday, May 31, at 7 p.m. Join in and discover that "belonging is beautiful."

For information and to RSVP, call the Na'amat office at 636-5425 days or **Emily** at 884-2981 or 884-8559.

Wednesday, June 1

POMEGRANATE GUILD

The Pomegranate Guild of Needlework, Toronto, Inc., is committed to encourage and inspire the creation, documentation and preservation of authentic Jewish fabric artifacts for use in connection with Jewish ceremonies and life cycle events.

The meeting of Wednesday, June 1, will close the current season with a display of members' works. This show and sharing of creative techniques is the highlight of the season. Coffee will be served.

The group will reconvene in September.

New members are invited to join and participate. Membership is $25 annually. Non-members are welcome for a nominal fee of $2.

Meetings are held at 8 p.m. at Holy Blossom Temple, 1950 Bathurst St. (unless otherwise specified). For information, call **Faigy Grossman** at 656-5680 or **Karen Sanders** at 445-5250.

ANOREXIA BULIMIA GROUP

The Anorexia Bulimia Family Support group will meet on Wednesday, June 1, at 7.30 p.m. at North York Branson Hospital's Trillium Room, 555 Finch Ave. W., Downsview.

Interested members of the community are welcome to attend.

For information, contact the National Information Centre for Eating Disorders at 595-4156.

Thursday, June 2

WHITE LIGHT HOSPICE DANCE

The White Light Hospice Foundation will host its first fund raising event, Summer Light: Dance the Dream to Reality, on Thursday, June 2, at Desoto's, 759 Mount Pleasant Rd.

The White Light Hospice Foundation is a non-profit charitable organization established to provide palliative care for cancer patients in a peaceful home-like environment. An estimated $2.5 million is needed to open and operate the Hospice. Many donations and services-in-kind have already been received.

If you would like more information or tickets, call 925-9866.

And What Else Is New...

SCHOLAR-IN-RESIDENCE

Kehillat Shaarei Torah will be celebrating an adult Shabbaton on the weekend of May 28-29. The featured guest will be **Rabbi Ephraim Kanarfogel**, director of Jewish studies at Stern College of Yeshiva University.

He will deliver three talks — Shabbat morning on Tolerance and Orthodoxy: Are They Compatible?; Shabbat afternoon following a lunch at the synagogue on Orthodoxy and University Education, and Sunday morning following minyan and breakfast, there will be a panel discussion of physicians who will present cases from their medical practices which have ethical considerations. Rabbi Kanarfogel will present the halachic perspective on these cases.

Reservations for the Saturday luncheon and program are being accepted through the synagogue office at 444-5444.

The chairman of the adult education program is **Susan Simmons**. Her committee includes **Helen Clinton, Rose Debow, Ann Feldman, Tom Moos** and **Rabbi Eliot Feldman**.

TEL-AIDE:JEWISH DISTRESS LINE

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TREE PLANTING

David Gazda (left), Karen Small and Harvey Cayne were among more than 100 Boys Scouts, Beavers, Cubs, Brownies and Girl Guides planting 700 trees in North York's Earl Bales Park. The event, organized by the Jewish Advisory Committee on Scouting, took place on a recent Sunday for Shabbat-observant members who could not participate in the general Scout tree planting the day before.

ANNUAL DRAW

JEP's 2nd Annual Grand Draw will be awarded June 29 at the new Beth Avraham Yosef Synagogue in Thornhill. Top prize is $18,000, 2nd prize is $5,400 and 3rd is $3,600. There are also three early bird draws at $1,000 each. Tickets at $180 ($130 tax deductible) include two seats at the June 29 event. In the picture above, Reuven Gartner (left), JEP Draw 88 coordinator, presents 1st $1,000 early bird prize to supporter Harvey Kalles. For more information on the draw or JEP activities, call 785-5899.

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many hours of training and are well qualified to listen.

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AKIM SOCK HOP DANCE

The Raoul Wallenberg and Akim Chapter II 50s and 60s sock hop dance held at the Garnet Williams Centre recently was a huge success with some 500 people turning out to dance to the music of deejay **Roger Ashby** of CHUM-FM.

Proceeds are going to Akim in Israel which helps mentally retarded children in Israel.

The organizers of the affair were **Alice Zimmerman, Eddie and Elaine Birnbaum, Evelyn Farber**, and **Willie Handler**.

SINGLES CONGREGATIONS NETWORK

On Sunday, June 19, Singles Congregations Network is going to see War and Peace at the Shaw Festival.

The cost is $22, $30 and $34 and deadline for payment and reservations is June 5. Send your checks, made out to Singles Congregations Network, 100 Elder St., Downsview, Ont. M3H 5G7.

CONCERT FOR THE ENTIRE FAMILY

Don't miss the dynamic musical concert for the entire family featuring children's entertainers **Shari and Jerry**, being held Sunday, June 12, at 1 p.m. at the Borochov Centre, 272 Codsell Ave. It is sponsored by Club Tikvah, Na'amat Canada, and proceeds will go to children's day care centres and adolescent vocational training centres in Israel.

Tickets are $5 in advance, $6 at the door. For tickets, call 636-5425 or visit Children's Marketplace, 1708 Avenue Rd., phone number 783-9229.

THYROID FOUNDATION

The Thyroid Foundation Metropolitan Toronto Chapter is presenting **Dayna Albert**, clinical dietician at Princess Margaret Hospital, who will speak on Nutrition and Health: Making the Right Choices on May 28, at 2 p.m. at Sunnybrook Medical Centre lecture theatre, 2075 Bayview Ave.

Everyone is welcome. Admission is free and refreshments will be served. For information, call 267-1555.

WHO WANTS VOLUNTEERS?

Who wants volunteers in their July and August programs? A whole host of organizations, which, as a group, offer such varied volunteer opportunities as clerical/general office work, drivers' assistants, summer camp arts and crafts (French and English), tiny tots programs, patient porters, friendly visiting, gift shop helper and assistant camp counsellors. And that list just scratches the surface.

For further information, call the North York Volunteer centre at 481-6194.

LOOKING AHEAD

Looking Ahead, a group for recently separated or divorced people, is being sponsored by Jewish Family & Child Service.

In a supportive group setting, the following issues will be discussed — living alone again; adjusting to changed financial status; being a part-time parent, and dating as an adult.

The group will meet for six sessions on Tuesdays from 7.30-9 p.m. beginning June 14 at the Lipa Green Building, 4600 Bathurst St.

The fee is $40 per person. Scholarships are available upon request. For further information, call **Nessa** at 638-7800, ext. 211.

LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

Reena's Leadership Development Program is the initial stage of an innovative 4-year plan to integrate Reena's summer camp program. The camp, which traditionally has offered an exclusive program to campers with special needs, has opened registration to the general community.

During the year, camp staff in Toronto, Hamilton and Montreal have conducted group presentations at Jewish schools, synagogues and youth groups. Eleven applicants have registered to date, coming from as far away as Moncton, NB, Los Angeles and Montreal to join the Toronto students.

The program is available to teens 13-16 years of age, who are interested in participating in activities along with the special needs campers as well as starting to develop recreational leadership skills in this setting. They will receive direction and support from a committed staff team, listen to guest speakers and attend stimulating workshops. The teens will also host two groups of campers visiting from Camp Ramah and Camp Shalom.

A few openings are still available for the July session at $875 for a 4-week period, $450 for two weeks. Some financial assistance may be available through the Michael and Tillie Blidner Scholarship Fund.

For more information and application forms, call Reena's Toronto office now at 787-0131.

LEARNED SOCIETIES CONFERENCE

The Jewish Historical Society of Canada, affiliated with Canadian Jewish Congress, will be participating in the Learned Societies Conference being held June 6 and 7 at the University of Windsor.

The program on Monday, the 6th, includes lectures by **Jack Jedwab** (Abraham Blumenthal and the Civic Representation of Montreal Jews During the Early 20th Century); **Paul Michaels** (Current Canadian Media Coverage of Israel); **Ben Kayfetz** (Zundel Reconsidered), and **Harold Troper** (Deschenes Reconsidered).

The Tuesday, the 7th, lecturers are **Mindy Skopinka** (Let My People Go — An Overview of the factors Affecting the Rise of the Soviet Jewry Movement in Canada) and **Ron Miller** (Canadian Middle East Policy 1980-83).

The president of the Jewish Historical Society is **Victor Sefton**.

SHOOT THE MOON AND THE STARS

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For information, call 736-2100, ext. 7753.

BARGAINS! BARGAINS!

AND (Association for the Neurologically Disabled of Canada) and HIAT (Head Injury Association of Toronto) are holding a joint fund raising bazaar on May 28. Doors are open from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at 59 Clement Rd. (Richview Public School), Etobicoke.

A 40TH REUNION

A group of Jewish orphans, who came to Canada and the U.S. from Germany in June 1948, is holding a 40th reunion in the Catskills July 1-4.

The Toronto group is getting together for a pre-reunion meeting Tuesday, June 7, at 8 p.m. at the B'nai B'rith Building, 15 Hove St. About 40-50 Torontonians are expected to attend the reunion.

If you would like to know more about it, call 881-0988.

for seniors

Earle Bales Seniors' Club still has a few openings for new membership. Club activities include Tai Chi on Mondays; bingo on Tuesdays; dance instruction, dancersize, art, woodwork and billiards Mondays to Thursdays, and film shows (watch the column for further notices). All this is offered for to seniors for $6 per year. Dances are held in the club house every Saturday evening, free to members, $1 non-members. Dances in the Community Centre with a live band are $3 members, $4 non-members. The next dance with a live band is set for Sunday, May 29, from 8-11 p.m. For further information, call **Jeanette** at the club office at 636-7856, 10 a.m. to 3.45 p.m.

Workmen's Circle Social Club meets for lunch, bingo and entertainment on Tuesday, May 31, at 11.30 a.m. at 471 Lawrence Ave. W. A trip to Peterborough is being planned. If you are interested, be sure to see **Shirley Grotell** at the meeting. Non-members are always welcome.

Beth Sholom Seniors will be meeting on Wednesday, June 1, at 7.30 p.m. at the synagogue, 1445 Eglinton Ave. W. The program includes entertainment and refreshments. For information, call **Eve Donsky**, vice-president and publicity chairman, at 782-1068.

Bingo with prizes galore is on the agenda of the Tuesday, May 31, meeting of the **Beth Tzedec Friendship Club Plus 50**. The time is 1.30 p.m. at the synagogue, 1700 Bathurst St. Coffee and cake are served. The charge for non-members is $1.50.

Holy Blossom Temple Alumni is featuring a musicale with the Humber Trio at its meeting on Wednesday, June 1, at 1.30 p.m. at the temple, 1950 Bathurst St.

Shaarei Shomayim Friendship Club, 470 Glencairn Ave., is continuing with the drama workshop and relaxation program on Thursdays at 1 p.m. after Shavuoth...The color therapy lectures are continuing along with oil painting...Trip notes — Cullen Gardens, June 30; Hawaii, Oct.

DINNER PLANNING

Planning the dinner to honor the Canadian Founders of Boys Town Jerusalem, taking place June 28 at Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue, together with Rabbi David Monson (seated), dinner chairman, are (from left) Bruce Lewis, Carl Goodman, Jeff Lipson, chairman, Toronto Council, and Murray Wortman.

17, with three nights at the Flamingo Hilton Hotel in Las Vegas (early reservations are recommended); the Muskoka cruise is in the planning stage...For information about programs and trips, contact **Lena** at 785-5773 or **Ruth** at 224-5923.

Club Chaverim of the Jewish Community Centre North-East Valley branch, is starting again for the new season and welcomes new members. The club meets on Tuesdays at 1-3 p.m. at the Valley, 7015 Leslie St. For more information, call **Sally Kerbel** at 889-0813.

The newly formed **Diamond Jubilee Club**, which meets at 968 Eglinton Ave. W., upstairs, is now open for your entertainment such as dancing and dancersize with **Ada Goldblatt**, crafts, cards, movies, travel, and refreshments. Come out and enjoy on Sundays at 2 p.m. For information, call 782-5024...The club has appointed artist **Tutzi Seguin** to teach arts and crafts in her studio. There is no fee for seniors, just a charge for materials. For information, call her at 783-0781.

At the Bloor Y on Thursday, May 26, at 2 p.m., the Royal Ontario Museum will be presenting a special slide talk on the Treasures of the Holy Land exhibit. Don't miss out on this wonderful opportunity to hear about this special exhibit.

LZA Seniors Club meets daily at the Borochov Centre, 272 Codsell Ave., from noon to 4 p.m. for an afternoon of cards, chess and discussion...Shuffleboard teams meet Tuesday afternoons and evenings and Thursday evenings...The Cultural Circle meets Tuesday mornings at 10.

The Wagman Centre summer outing program on Thursday, June 2, is to the International Centre for The Good Age Show. The time is 9.30 a.m. to 4.30 p.m. and the cost is $7. Tickets are limited, so register with payment at the Wagman Centre office, 55 Ameer Ave., as soon as possible. For more information, contact **Todd Sweet** at 789-5131, ext. 2274.

Come join the **Young at Heart Seniors** at the fabulous kosher Brown's Hotel in the Catskills (supervised by the New York board of kashruth) for eight days and seven nights, leaving Toronto Aug. 21. Three meals daily, indoor and outdoor pools, sauna, Wednesday evening smorgasbord party, shopping sprees, trips factory outlet and Corning factory, special diet for people who need it, lectures entertainment, bus fare and more are all included in the price of $775 Canadian funds. For information, call **Doris** at 630-5202 or **Helen** at 635-6343.

CENTRE FOR CREATIVE LIVING

The Bernard Betel Centre for Creative Living is located at 1003 Steeles Ave. W. The phone number is 225-2112.

A reminder that the annual meeting takes place on Thursday, May 26, at 7.30 p.m. There will be the dedication of a plaque honoring all past chairmen of the Members' Council. The plaque has been donated by the family of **David and Belle Orson** in their name.

The Literary Luncheon presented by the Lifelong Learning Institute on Monday, May 30, at 11.30 a.m., features author-lecturer **Allan Gould**, who will speak on What It's Like to be a Writer in Canada. The charge is $4.50 members, $5.50 non-members.

Wanted — amateur entertainers who would appreciate the opportunity to perform before a senior group to help you gain exposure. If you want to know more about it, call 665-3547.

at the jcc

Le Cercle Juif De Toronto is pleased to invite you to its first program, L'image Des Juifs Dans La Litterature Canadienne Francaise, with guest **Prof. Ben-Zion Shek**, professor of French literature, University of Toronto, taking place Sunday, June 5, at 8 p.m. at the Jewish Community Centre, Room 221, 4588 Bathurst St. Admission and refreshments are free. For further details contact **David Bensimon** at 787-9102 or **Elizabeth Sokolsky** at 636-1880, ext. 253.

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Organizations and People

JEWISH IDENTITY PROGRAM

The Women's Division of the United Jewish Appeal of Windsor recently held a community education program entitled Jewish Identity: Challenge of Change with guest speaker Shoshana Cardin, immediate past president, Council of Jewish Federations. From left are: Marcey Katzman, campaign chairman; Sharon Hochberg, education committee chairman; Cardin; Dorothy Gordner, campaign co-chairman, and Harriet Whiteman, education committee co-chairman.

What's New

[Cont'd. from page 23]

JCC's 4th Annual Sports Celebrity Dinner, will honor **Pat Gillick**, executive vice-president of the Toronto Blue Jays, on Thursday, June 9, at the Constellation Hotel. The head table will feature **Jerry Howarth** and **Ron Hewitt** as master of ceremonies. **Bob Costas** will be the keynote speaker and well known sports personalities **Marty Springstead** and **Earl Weaver** will also be there. Past Sports Celebrity Dinner honorees include former Ontario premier **William Davis, Charles Bronfman** and **Harold Ballard**. For information, call **Harold Cipin** at 636-1880.

The early childhood education department of the JCC North Y, 4588 Bathurst St., is presenting a new and enriching program for 2-year-olds, Tic Tac Twos. Registration for 1988-89 begins May 30. For further information, call **Jackie Rhodes** at 636-1880.

The JCC North-East Valley Singles Network 49? Plus Group is planning an event for Saturday, June 4. Listen to the Hotline 889-5101 for details.

The Singles Network is holding a Sunkist Dance Party on Sunday, June 5, at 8.30 p.m. at the Valley, 7015 Leslie St. Enjoy the patio, stroll, mingle, dance to the music of Diamond deejay, have a good time in the country club atmosphere of the Valley. Admission is $5 members with cards, $7 non-members.

singles events

Singles Events is an advertising feature of the Canadian Jewish News. ***Deadline is Monday, 5:00 p.m., 10 days preceding issue date.*** *For rates or to place an ad, please call Shayla at 422-2528.*

Sunday, May 29, 8:00 p.m. CHAI SINGLES Group hosts a Panel Discussion on the topic "Middle East, Israel and Media. Facts and Common Sense." Bring your knowledge, questions and friends to this very important discussion. Refreshments included. Members $3.00, Guests $5.00. 3080 Bayview. Info: 656-3687.

Wine Tasting Seminar/Social — Sunday, May 29, 7:30 p.m. Party Room, 175 Cumberland. $5.00. Limited capacity. Singles Rendez-vous (25-45). 960-9665.

Sunday, June 19th, Shaw Festival, War and Peace. Reservations due by June 5th. Call 633-6163.

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Singles Congregation Network — ages 19¼ - 34¾. Brunch, Sunday, May 29th at 11:30 at Beth Sholom, 1445 Eglinton West. Tickets at door $11.00, subject to space. For information call 222-1588.

JCC Valley Singles Network — 7015 Leslie St. — "Sunkist Dance Party", Sunday, June 5th 8:30 p.m. D.J., Refreshments. Members (with cards) $5.00, non-members $7.00. 889-0813.

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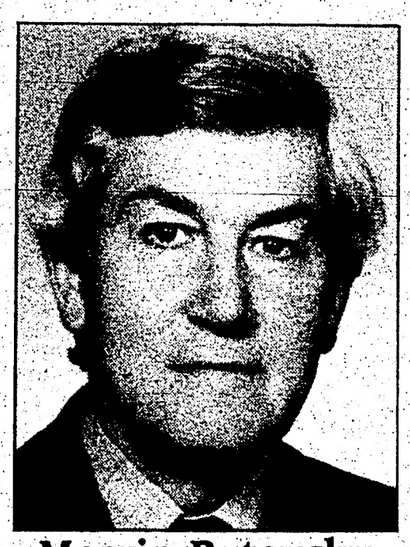

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Women's Division event to honor past chairmen

Camelia Sadat to speak at Israel Bonds dinner

TORONTO —

Camelia Sadat, the 39-year-old daughter of the late Egyptian president Anwar, will be the guest speaker at a June 15 Israel Bonds dinner at Beth Tzedec synagogue.

Fourteen women will be honored by the Bonds' Women's Division at the special event which is being held in conjunction with Israel's 40th anniversary and the late Israeli Prime Minister Golda Meir's 90th birthday.

Camelia Sadat

Organizers hope to raise almost $200,000 (U.S.) which will go directly to Israel's finance minister to be invested in the Jewish state's infrastructure and economy.

The dinner's honorees — who consider Meir their role model — will be honored for their deep commitment of time and energy to the Jewish community and Israel. All are past Women's Division chairman.

The honorees include Lillian Levy, Sheila Rothman, Sheilah Silverberg, Betty Zweig, Ayala Zacks Abramov and Dora Israelson.

• Levy, one of the original Women's Division chairmen, is also a past president of Hadassah-WIZO. She's also a member of the Toronto Symphony's board and has three children and eight grandchildren.

• Rothman, a longtime participant in many Jewish organizations, is president of the Hadassah's Haifa Chapter. She was a Bonds' Women's Division chairman for three years and served on the board for 10 years. An active businesswoman, she is married to husband, Robert, with two children.

• Silverberg, an Israel Peace Medal recipient, has been active in Hadassah, United Jewish Appeal, the Weizmann Society, the Cancer Society and Heart Fund.

She is past president of Baycrest Women's Auxiliary and a past member of Mount Sinai Hospital's Women's Auxilliary. She and her husband, Al, have two sons.

• Zweig, long active in Jewish organizations, has concentrated most of her work at the Baycrest Centre where she has been Women's Auxilliary vice-president, an executive board member and co-chairman of the gift shop executive for 21 years.

Bonds vital, says Peerce's widow

By
LEILA SPEISMAN

TORONTO —

Israel Bonds are the spinal cord giving strength and stability to the Jewish state, a cocktail reception sponsored by the Women's Division of State of Israel Bonds was told recently.

Women, stressed evening chairman Esther Sarick, owe it to themselves to contribute on their own, "not on someone else's coattails."

The reception, held at the Bayview home of Reggie and David Levenstadt, was to encourage women to purchase Bonds in advance of a gala dinner marking the 90th birthday of Golda Meir and honoring 14 "women of distinction," past chairmen of Women's Division. It will be held Wednesday, June 15 at Beth Tzedec Synagogue.

Guest speaker Alice Peerce, widow of world renowned opera singer Jan Peerce, spoke of the incredible changes in the State of Israel since its founding. On the Peerces' first trip there, in 1950, she recounted, it was an underdeveloped country, with no roads, inadequate hotels, practically no food, and only 4 orange trees.

"Now there are 200 million orange trees, and there is no city in the world where you can't get an orange from Jaffa."

She spoke movingly about her experiences travelling with her late husband to places like the Soviet Union. On a trip there in 1963, she said, a Jewish woman from Georgia asked her to confirm "an echo that there is a country called Israel."

On being told that there was indeed such a place, and that the Peerces were going there in a few days, the woman begged, "Let me touch you, so I can tell my children I touched someone whose feet touched the land of Israel."

She also told of the time when $50 Bonds were sold, and an elderly woman offered her a shoebox filled with dollar bills she had been saving for her funeral expenses. "She said that it was more important that the money go to Eretz."

"Israel made little me 10 feet tall," Peerce, one of the leaders of Women's Division, said tearfully. "We have a mission to see that Israel is established from now until forever."

Without economic security, she asserted, Israel can't make it. Bonds, she explained, is money the government can apply to wherever it is wanted and needed.

"And Israel has never defaulted on one penny of the $9 billion in Bonds that have been purchased up to now."

Evening at ROM set

TORONTO —

A June 2 evening at the Royal Ontario Museum will be hosted by the Israel Bonds' Construction Division.

Museum guides will lead guests on a private tour of the Treasures of the Holy Land exhibit. Participants, joined by Construction Division chairman Fred Guth, will be treated to a cocktail reception afterwards featuring guest speaker Howard Stone, Middle East expert.

Stone, who will speak on Israel's present situation, is senior vice-president of Operation Independence, an international network of businessmen and industrialists committed to strengthening Israel's economy.

Bonds spokesman Arthur Saunders said his organization is holding the special evening to "build awareness in the construction community of the problems now in the Middle East and the potential that Israel has to be a leader internationally in terms of economics and business."

Admission to the event, beginning at 8 p.m., will be $18. For more information, call Jacques Vogler at (416) 789-3351.

Rembrandt etching sold

TORONTO —

An original etching by the great Dutch Master Rembrandt Van Rijn sold for just under $9,000 at a recent art auction organized by Israel Bonds' New Leadership Division.

"A steal at twice the price," proclaimed auctioneer Morry Shapiro. As he brought down the hammer on the final bid, many of the 300 patrons at the Edwards Gardens civic centre groaned with dismay as they realized they had just missed the chance of a lifetime to buy a Rembrandt.

More than $90,000 in art was sold at the auction which was co-sponsored by Park West Galleries. Twenty per cent of the proceeds went to Israel Bonds.

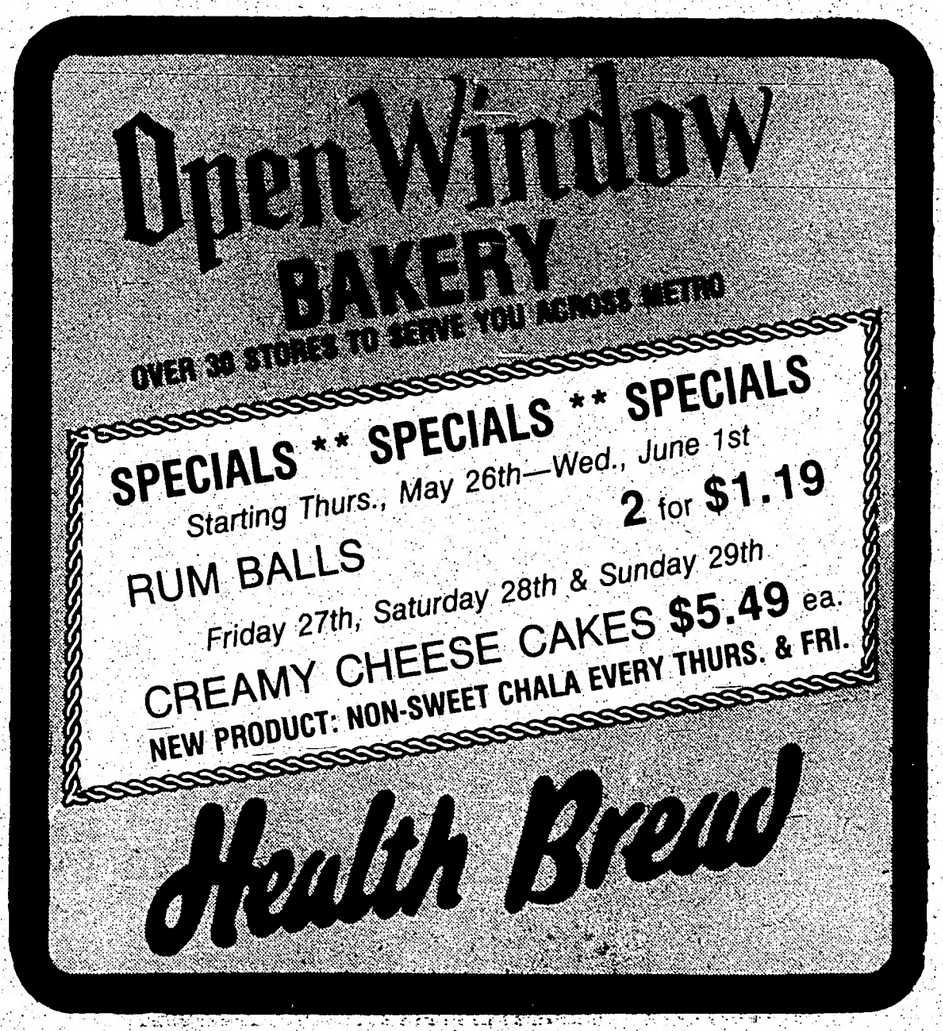
The top sale of the evening was a polygraph by Agam which sold for $9,500.

The 3-hour auction, featuring 120 works, also included canvasses by Chagall, Picasso, Erte and many others.

Event chairman Kenneth Tessis said he believed the overwhelming success of the auction would lead to further growth of the New Leadership Division.

"There are many young professionals in our community who will look at this event and realize that to take part is a great contribution to the community," Tessis said.

"Awareness of the need for Bond investment, as well as the benefits of Bond investment, is growing fast."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Organizations and People

Secularism more menacing than missionaries, Praeger says

By
DAVID BIRKAN

TORONTO —

The New Age movement, as well as secularism, humanism and liberalism, are more of a menace to Jews than any missionary group because they discard the kedusha concept underlying Judaism.

So social commentator and author Dennis Praeger told an overflow audience recently at Shaarei Shomayim Congregation's first annual Sam Kaiman Memorial Lecture.

New Age, which began largely in California, has "tens of millions" of adherents in the U.S. believing in effect "that every person is a god," said Praeger.

"The upshot is that each person is accountable only to himself for his morality," he said. "In a recent debate with a New Age leader — a Jew, by the way — I asked if a New Age adherent is permitted to murder someone if he feels himself justified. The answer was, 'theoretically, yes.' "

The Bible describes the worst of all possible worlds as one in which each man 'does what is right in his own eyes,' " he said.

The kedusha (holy distinction) ordained by God in the Torah prohibits, among other things, the intermingling of man and God, said Praeger. A man is a man, and God is God, and the two are separate and distinct. And God, the Author of the commandments, has forbidden murder."

Similarly, said Praeger, he would put considerably less trust in a God-de[illegible] rationalist than in a religious person. "I know to Whom the latter has to answer."

Praeger conceded the pogroms and massacres perpetrated by medieval Christianity, but said "that it was only under Nazism and Communism that Auschwitz and the Gulag came about."

For Jewish youth born and raised in a relatively non-threatening post-Holocaust environment, particularly in the West, secularist movements have been a far more attractive lure "than Jews for Jesus or any other missionary group," he said.

"The numbers of Jews going over to Jews for Jesus have been small, much smaller than the number of Christians converting to Judaism. The problem is Jews for Real Estate, Jews for PhDs, Jews for Medicine and Health, and just plain Jews for Nothing."

He added: The Kedusha that many of the mitzvot enjoin Jews to follow ultimately stresses the recognition of and difference between good and evil, culminating in the command to follow good and hate evil.

These mitzvot flow out of God's central command to the Jews in the book of Leviticus, said Praeger: "You shall be Kedoshim because I your God am Kadosh."

Said Praeger: The laws forbidding men wearing women's clothing and vice versa stress the distinction between man and woman, between their separate and complementary roles. "Judaism frowns on unisex that obliterates differences in dress [illegible] trends like casual sex — a fleeting encounter between equals whose only difference is their sexual organs. And even those don't have to be different," he said.

"In Judaism, marriage is called kiddushin, stressing a holy union of the separate."

The inclusion of God as a third party in every Jewish marriage contract precludes the addition of clauses permitting extramarital liaisons, an increasingly common development, he said.

The adultery that two partners may permit each other in an open marriage is forbidden by God, he said.

The laws of kashruth separate man from beast in his eating habits. By banning the consumption of predators and scavengers, the laws of kashruth also act to separate man from contact with death, he added.

The prohibitions against a priest's (cohen's) involvement with death — "something that is the opposite of every other religion" — underscores Judaism's emphasis on life, said Praeger.

"Judaism commands us to distinguish between good and evil, and to do good and hate evil," he said. "It makes us responsible.

"Secular movements like Marxism and liberalism war on the concept of evil. They replace it with forces. The causes of one man murdering another, for example, might be ascribed to poverty, an economic force, to mental illness, a psychological force, or to the murderer's upbringing, a societal force. Evil does not come into the reckoning — and so neither does responsibility."

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Metro-city auction won't be split, says spokesman

By
PHIL FINE

TORONTO —

There are no plans to hold part of the Metro-city auction, scheduled for Saturday, June 11, on another day of the week, says City of Toronto spokesman Bill Kennedy.

But advance bids will be accepted on the day before between noon and 5 p.m. provided bidders put down a 10% deposit and furnish some identification. The auction site is the Roads and Traffic Service Yard, 64 Murray Rd., in Downsview. Bidding on Saturday gets underway at 8 a.m.

Although the auction of city and Metro surplus items has always been held on a Saturday and at least once a year since 1975, neither Metro nor Toronto City Council has ever received any formal complaint from the Jewish community, says Kennedy.

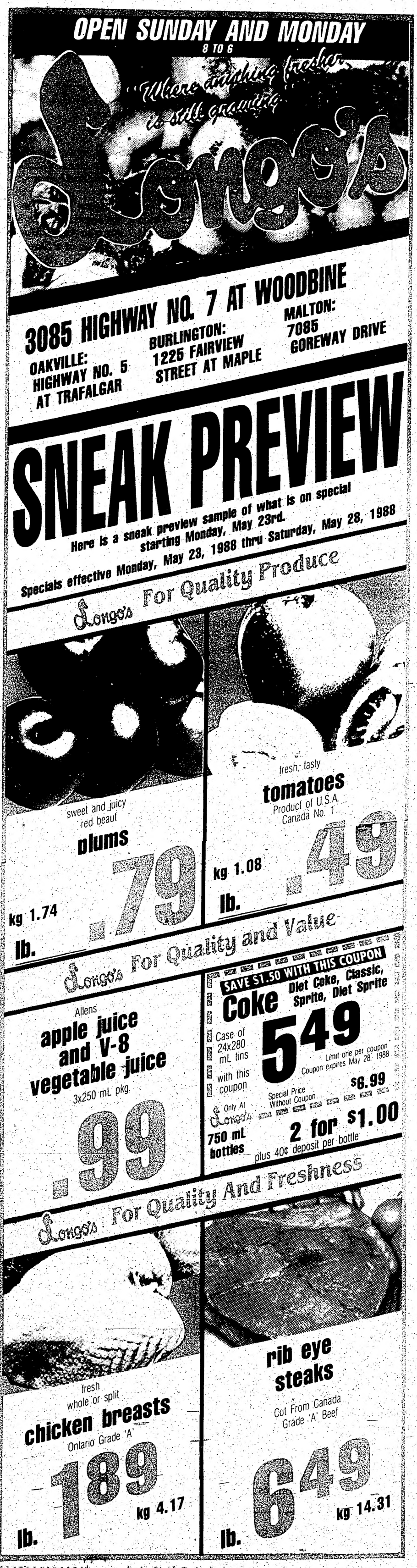
The auction will be advertised in newspapers but the notices won't mention the advance bidding. The reason is cost, says Louise Bellamy, a spokesman for Brian Barker Auctions, the company running the event.

Kennedy says it's up to the Jewish community to make its concerns about public events on Saturday known to the purchasing department.

But Bernie Farber, a spokesman for the Canadian Jewish Congress, says it's up to the city, not specific ethnic communities, to be aware of community sensitivities.

"Metro should show some understanding of the fact that (Toronto) is one of the most multicultural and multireligious cities in the country," he said. "Some accommodation should be made for that."

Kennedy says both the city and Metro are "very conscious of the fact of not offending any religious group." But there would probably be protests, he adds, if the auction were held on Sunday.



Organizations and People

Says their norms don't apply to Mideast

Begin's son rejects Western politician's criticism

By
JANICE ARNOLD

MONTREAL —

Benny Begin, the son of former Israeli prime minister Menachem Begin, criticized Western politicians for acting like armchair generals when it comes to giving Israel advice.

Politicians in the West, he said — without mentioning names — do not understand that the Middle East is a "totally different environment" to which Western norms cannot be applied.

"The history of the Middle East is filled with abrogated treaties and agreements, state-sponsored international terrorism and holy wars . . . These are realities Western politicians cannot appreciate," said Begin who was in Montreal to speak at a State of Israel Bonds reception in honor of Ben Milner, where more than $3 million in bond purchases were pledged.

Israel has taken enough "advising, lecturing and preaching" from foreign politicians. Begin said at a press conference.

Begin, a geologist and Herut Party member, said Jordan, Syria, Iraq and Saudi Arabia, with whom Israel is in a "state of war," have greatly increased their military positions in the past 20 years.

Two decades ago, he said, the four Arab countries had a total of 1,100 tanks, today they have 9,650; 400 military aircraft, now 1,500; and less than 200,000 soldiers, now 1.2 million.

He described Israel's enemies as having "very mean, long-term, far-reaching plans," namely, to wipe Israel off the map.

Begin distributed copies of a poster from the Organization of Arab Students, a North American group, he said, which showed a map of Palestine covering all of what is now Israel. To Begin, this proves the Palestinians' "hidden agenda" is not only a state in "Judea" and "Samaria," but to take over Israel proper as well.

Begin is the eldest of the three children of Menachem and the late Aliza Begin. There are two younger daughters.

He refused to answer any questions about his father, other than to say he is "fine, all right."

"I made it a point many years ago to not speak on behalf of my father." He did say his father meets regularly with Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir, and is "on top of things."

Begin, 45, hedged on a question on whether he would like to enter politics. "I try to do as much as I can. I still have to make a living. There are only 24 hours in a day."

His current job is trying to find suitable sites for nuclear power plants, of which Israel has none so far, he said.

"It's my firm position that Israel would not live long without total control of Judea, Samaria and Gaza. This is our country and we intend to keep it," Begin stated.

Begin is not too concerned with Israel's image in the West. "I'd rather be harshly denounced than beautifully eulogized."

He said he was "proud" the Israeli army initially had trouble containing the Palestinian uprising because it shows it was not trained to handle civilians. "The swiftest way to stop the casualties is for the Arabs to stop throwing stones. The onus is squarely on their shoulders."

A Palestinian state on the West Bank would be nothing more than a "pro-Soviet, radical terrorist state," Begin asserted.

He believes the Arabs constitute one nation and already have 21 states to live in. "The Arab inhabitants of Judea, Samaria and Gaza cannot enjoy the right of self-determination. They have no right to their own independent state . . . self-determination is just a pretext to liquidate Israel."

Commenting on the elections this year, Begin said he believed Shamir has a "very good chance" of being re-elected, and scoffed at those who speak of him as a transitional leader.

"Shamir will be around for many years to come. His health is excellent, he is in the best of his abilities. He is very cool. I don't think we even have to start thinking about the next leader of Herut."

More aliya urged for territories

By
BEN ROSE

TORONTO —

Jews have every right to expand their settlements in the territories, a spokesman for the Council of Jewish Settlement in Judea, Samaria and Gaza, said here recently.

"Israel is so small and after the Holocaust and five wars we owe the world nothing," said Zvi Slonim, a seventh generation sabra, one of whose ancestors, the Chief Rabbi of Hebron, was massacred in 1929.

Only 5% of the land in Samaria would be enough to settle 1 million Jews, Slonim declared at the 21st Yom Yerushalayim celebration at Shaarei Tefillah Synagogue co-sponsored by Bnei Akiva and Mizrachi Hapoel Hamizrachi Organization.

Rabbi Menachem Gopin, national executive director of Mizrachi, noted that this was the only religious observance of Yom Yerushalayim in Toronto.

The progress made by Israel in 40 years is beyond what any other country has done, Slonim said. The historical mission of Zionism will not be fulfilled until more Jews from the Diaspora settle in Israel, he said, adding that another 200,000 settlers would swing many factors to Israel's side.

More settlers are needed to support the 85,000 Jews now living in 148 settlements on the West Bank. "The East Bank is Jordan and Jordan is Palestine," he declared.

"We are not going to leave it," he said. "If you take the arm away from the body, the body is helpless. We are again giving pieces of the body for so-called peace."

In a bid to increase the number of Jews making aliya, he said: "We are offering all facilities, only 25 minutes to Tel Aviv and Jerusalem. Come and start a new life. Israel is not only a home but a homeland.

"We must believe in 10 million Jews living in Israel," Slonim said. Israel cannot exist without an influx of Jews from all over the world. The Zionist movement will not allow Jews to lose their faith."

Good wishes were expressed to Shlomo Stempler, Bnei Akiva Shaliach by Rabbi Gopin. Stempler and his wife Chana and family are returning to Israel this month, after two years in Toronto.

"Your efforts to organize our Bnei Akiva and give it more prominence in our community has been most successful," Gopin said. "Bnei Akiva continues to be the largest, most influential youth group within the Zionist youth family."

Rabbi Avishai David, head of Yeshivat Or Chaim, delivered the D'var Torah.

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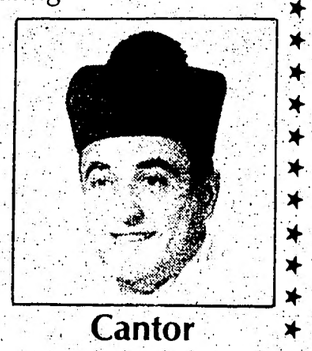
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Organizations and People

Aids physically disadvantaged children

Alyn hospital is now raising funds in Canada

By
PHIL FINE

TORONTO —
The Aron Kodesh in the shul at Jerusalem's Alyn Hospital is not your run-of-the-mill ark.

That's because it's accessible to physically handicapped children. In fact, says hospital spokesman Brenda Hirsch, the ark is probably one of the few Aronei Kodesh anywhere from which the physically disabled can take out sefer Torahs by themselves.

Hirsch, who handles public relations for Alyn, was in Toronto recently to talk about the hospital and the rehabilitation programs it provides for physically disadvantaged children from all over Israel.

The Canadian Friends of Alyn has now been set up to raise money across Canada for the hospital, the only facility of its type in Israel for the treatment of severely physically handicapped children.

The specially constructed ark, says Hirsch, is just one example of how treatment at Alyn goes beyond mere physical therapy.

Another example is the hospital's many cultural activities — outings, concerts, museum visits and philately classes — for those children, usually from poor families or from broken homes, for whom the hospital must act in loco parentis.

But what really sets Alyn apart from other rehabilitation centres, says Hirsch, are the kids themselves. A few years ago, several of the children staged a marathon swim to raise money — not for themselves but for a road accident prevention fund in Jerusalem.

How many children in other hospitals for the physically handicapped have done the same, asks Hirsch.

Like Hirsch, Susan Speigel of North York, co-ordinator of Alyn's fund raising efforts in Toronto, is loud in her praise of the centre. Speigel, who worked at the hospital as a physiotherapist in the early 80s, describes her year at Alyn as an "incredible experience.

"It was very moving to work with those children who have worked so hard to achieve independence," she says, adding that her involvement in fund raising is her way of helping the youngsters now that she is back in Canada.

Valerie Sloman of Toronto, acting chairman of the Canadian Friends of Alyn, says the mere availability of the type of treatment provided by Alyn in a country beset with so many problems is reason enough to support the hospital.

"Israel is working so hard against such odds to do things which we in Canada take for granted," she notes.

But Sloman and Speigel aren't waiting for word of Alyn's good work to get around before they start asking for money. They've already netted $17,000 of the $100,000 they hope to collect this year across Canada and have spoken about the hospital to groups such as PNAI (Parents of North American Israelis) and the young women's branch of The Sons of Judea.

To help get Alyn's message across, both Sloman and Speigel have been showing two 13-minute videos on the hospital.

It's essential Alyn's Canadian fund raising efforts as well as those in other countries are successful.

For the hospital, Hirsch says, must this year make up a $930,000 (U.S.) gap in operating costs between what Alyn receives in Israeli government funding and what it plans to spend ($3,730,000 U.S.) in the 1988-89 budget.

For more information on Alyn, call (416) 782-9446 or write: Canadian Friends of Alyn, 405 Fairlawn Ave., Toronto, M5M 1T7.

One of Alyn's many young patients.

Eitz Chaim teachers feted at schools' annual dinner

By
BEN ROSE

TORONTO —
The tables were turned on more than 100 teachers of Eitz Chaim Schools recently when they became the guests of honor at the annual dinner attended by 400 at Torah Emeth Jewish Centre on Viewmount Ave.

More often the ones who hand out awards to others, the teachers at Eitz Chaim's three locations were each presented with a pen and pencil set and heard 25 students praise them in stories and poems for the occasion. More than 1,000 attend Eitz Chaim from pre-school to grade 8.

The teachers were lauded by Philip Alter, the dinner chairman; Joseph Tanenbaum, president of Eitz Chaim; Herb Rosenfeld, president, Toronto Jewish Congress; and Rabbi M. Z. Ochs from the host congregation.

For some members of the teaching staff it meant an early exodus on May 15 from the Torah Umesorah 32nd Annual Torah Educators Convention at Bushkill, Pa., and a race to catch a plane for Toronto. But Rabbi Shnayer Weinberg, the senior principal, and three other members of the staff made it to the dinner on time.

The convention, a pre-eminent one in the field of Torah Education, was attended by 600, including Canadians from coast to coast. It heard addresses from renowned scholars including Rabbi Shmuel Kamenetzky, Rabbi Yaakov Perlow, Rabbi A. Henoch Leibowitz, Rabbi Avraham Pam and Rabbi Yaakov Weinberg.

Little turnover

The convention theme was the partnership of home, school and synagogue in raising and molding children. "We explored it not only on the cognitive side, but the way in which they can become decent human beings accepting communal responsibilities," said Weinberg.

Rabbi Weinberg, who is a vice-president of Torah Umesorah, was also the convention chairman, which meant many trips to New York to settle agenda items. On behalf of the organization, he has also conducted teacher training sessions in the U.S. Of his latest task as convention chairman, he said: "It was an exciting, challenging and rewarding job."

One subject which came up at several sessions was the relationship of parents to the schools. "Today's parents are more educated and more interested in what's happening in the classroom," Weinberg told The CJN. "They are often critical of schools and not supportive of teachers and the school. This makes it more difficult to deliver a good education."

There is a dearth of good teachers in both Canada and the U.S., he said, but fortunately there is little turnover at Eitz Chaim, new teachers only being required when the school's population grows.

Another subject cropping up frequently was the negative influence on children of TV. "It was brought up time and again that it is unhealthy to have kids in front of the idiot box," said Weinberg.

"In an Orthodox home it is improper to own one. TV is a negative influence and if you can't avoid having one, it should be severely controlled and monitored. Fortunately our children haven't got the time to watch TV. Students in our senior grades are here from 7.45 a.m. to 6 p.m. and then must do homework."

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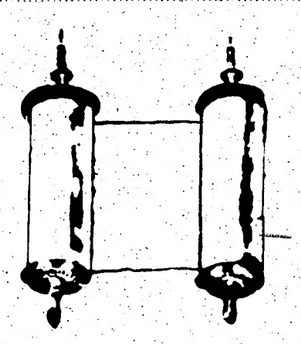

sparks from the torah

By
RABBI MEIR URI GOTTESMAN

Parshat Naso/Pirkei Avot

Life is meant to be happy. A person should have confidence, should have faith.

But sometimes you run into a little bad mazel and it's hard to escape.

The two saintly brothers, Reb Elimelech and Reb Zusia performed the ritual of "galut" — exile — during their youth. They dressed as poor wayfarers and wandered from town to town. It taught humility, and shared the Shechinah's own exile after the Temple's destruction.

Rabbi Gottesman

They entered a small-town inn where a riotous peasant wedding was being celebrated. They found a corner of the room, and lay down on two benches to sleep.

In the middle of the drunken festivities, the peasants decided to have fun with these Jewish "kabtzanim." They grabbed Reb Zusia, who was sleeping on the outside, made him dance, and gave him a few blows for good measure. This happened a few times.

"It is not fair," said his brother Reb Elimelech, "that you have to bear all the blows. Let us change places, and I will sleep on the outside." The brothers switched.

In a few minutes, the peasants again decided to celebrate with their victims. But one fair-minded peasant announced: "It is not right that we always take the one on the outside. Let's give the inside one something to remember." And they hauled out poor Reb Zusia again!

Later, Reb Zusia told his brother: "You see, if it is *barshert* (ordained) that you have to get blows, there is no escaping it."

* * *

But a lot of suffering we have comes from our own heads. We do not allow ourselves to enjoy life!

Consider . . . the portion of the Torah which describes the laws of a Nazirite. A Jew decided to become a *nazir*, spiritual, exalted, dedicated to saintliness. He could not cut his hair, enter a cemetery, or touch wine. He was isolated in his piety.

His period of nazir concluded, he had to bring a . . . sin offering.

Sin offering? A nazir? He should bring an achievement offering, a holiness offering — why a sin offering? What sin?

Explain our rabbis: He denied himself the pleasure of wine (which in those days was strong, strong drink, like our scotch and rye)! (Nedarim 10)

The Torah was not pleased that a person became self-denying, negative, anti-physical, anti-pleasure, extreme. It could lead to depression and sadness and fanaticism.

Be religious, but enjoy a little wine also! Serve the Almighty, but do it with sunlight, with joy, with music, with love and tolerance. Being holy doesn't mean being a sourpuss.

Before he passed away, the brilliant Chacham Tzvee ordered his servant to bring him a cup of fine wine. He explained: "I want to apologize to my body for all the denial of pleasure I subjected it to!"

* * *

We have only one body. We can replace an engine in a car, but it is very hard to replace a heart, or lungs, or other precious parts. We have to treat our bodies with respect, throw away our cigarettes, not eat ourselves into sickness, be moderate, and dedicate every step to serve the Almighty.

Shabbat Shalom.

Boys Town fete to feature Bikel

TORONTO —

Renowned New York performer Theodore Bikel will perform at a June 28 dinner honoring Canadian founders of Boys Town Jerusalem.

Bikel, a musician and actor, is preparing a special program for the event which will celebrate Boys Town's 40th anniversary.

Boys Town, a high school for teenaged boys, was founded in Jerusalem in 1948 by U.S.-born rabbi Alexander Linchner.

The school — opened with the aid of Canadian Jews who helped raise funds for scholarships — trains boys in sophisticated technology and Judaic studies. More than 7,000 graduates now occupy key positions in Israeli industry and the defence forces.

Linchner, Boys Town dean, will be keynote speaker at the $150-a-plate dinner which will be held at the Shaarei Shomayim Congregation. About 500 people are expected to attend and proceeds will go to student scholarships at the school.

Bikel, who was born in Vienna and moved to Israel at age 13, joined the Habimah Theatre at age 19. A year later he became co-founder of the Israel Chamber Theatre.

A graduate of London's Royal Academy of Dramatic Art, he has appeared in several plays on the London stage.

He has also made 37 films including The Defiant Ones for which he received an Academy Award nomination. He has also appeared in The African Queen, The Enemy Below, My Fair Lady and The Russians are Coming, the Russians are Coming.

His stage performances have included roles in The Sound of Music, Fiddler on the Roof, Zorba, The Inspector General and The Threepenny Opera.

This year he also appeared on three popular U.S. television series — Murder, She Wrote, Falcon Crest and Dynasty.

The Boys Town event will begin at 6 p.m. with a cocktail reception. Dinner will follow at 7 p.m.

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Organizations and People

"Impossible to predict or control events"

Middle East evades logic, Ann Medina stresses

By
ANCIL KASHETSKY

TORONTO —

Making sense out of the conflict in the Middle East is impossible, says Ann Medina, a former journalist for the CBC.

Speaking to an overflow crowd at Metro Central Y recently, Medina said, "it is useless to try to understand the conflict in the Middle East because it's impossible to predict or control events, or even establish a logic about the conflict."

Referring to the title of the talk The Mideast: 2 + 2 = 3 she said it conveys the idea that nothing really adds up in the region. "When you think you have the answer, you don't."

She singled out Israel, for example, as falling into the trap when it tried to control events in Lebanon by invading that country in 1982. The object of that war, she said, was to drive the PLO out and put Bashir Gemayal, a Lebanese Christian, in power. "But a bomb killed Gemayal and all the factors of the equation fell apart."

Medina said the U.S. committed the same folly when it sent naval boats and troops to the region in the belief that events could be controlled.

"The big guns of the New Jersey intervened on behalf of the beleaguered Christians but later a Shiite suicide squad blew up 240 marines."

Medina said as a reporter she was able to extract a kind of "crazy logic" to events only by "tossing away" such Western notions like "terrorist," "good guy/bad guy," and terms like "stable governments."

"We must reevaluate all these terms before an understanding of the region can be achieved."

Medina said only an "on-the-ground" approach to newsgathering will do justice to the complexities of the conflicts. She said Lebanon was a case in point, for despite an absence of strong central government, alliances were still being forged between factions based on the exchange of strategically controlled things like a bridge, a port, or a road.

Medina frequently invoked terminology like "touching" and "feeling a story" to describe her style of "on-the-ground-level-reporting."

It was this reporting style which reaped facts when she needed to know if Nabbih Barri, leader of the Lebanese Amal Shiites, had strong support among his people, she explained. "The problem is Westerners don't look at what's happening on the ground."

When pressed for more details about two interviews she conducted with PLO chief Yasser Arafat, Medina said she could not remember what specific topics they discussed. Then asked why she did not query Arafat about his refusal to accept UN resolutions 241 and 342, Medina said "I wanted to avoid predictable answers."

She agreed that television coverage in particular is often guilty of leaving out historical background which is important to an understanding of the conflicts, and added, "Let's face it, though, if we gave viewers an hour of historical context, they'd turn their televisions off."

There were murmurs of approval from the crowd when Medina said "Canadian television news had more integrity than in the United States because American networks are interested in the rating game and must sell advertisements."

Louis Harnick dies at age 68

TORONTO —

Louis Harnick, chief of radiology at Toronto Western Hospital for 40 years, died recently in Toronto. He was 68.

Born and brought up in Toronto, he received his MD from U of T and did postgraduate work in radiology in Stockholm and at the Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston.

In addition to his duties at Toronto Western, Harnick was also professor of radiology at the University of Toronto Medical School. Following retirement in 1985, he became professor emeritus.

Although Harnick spent his professional career in Toronto, his influence, says his son, Charles, extended far beyond the city's boundaries.

"He was the teacher of countless students who have now gone on to practice all over the world...there wasn't anywhere he went that one of his close at hand."

In addition to his teaching duties, Harnick was active in professional matters. He was president of both the Ontario Medical Association and the Medico-Legal Society of Toronto and served for many years on the executive of the Canadian Medical Association.

He was also president of both Beth Tzedec Synagogue and of the Primrose Club.

Harnick is survived by his wife, Pearl; his son, Charles; his daughter, Mary Anne; a brother, Harvey and two sisters: Rose Iscove of Toronto and Claire Chodorow of Buffalo.

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Organizations and People

Recommends more flexible practices

Report calls for end to mandatory retirement

By
JEFF ROSEN

TORONTO —
The concept of mandatory retirement should be eliminated in favor of more flexible practices to allow employees to make the transition in their lifestyles, states an Ontario government task force report.

In the report, Fairness and Flexibility in Retiring From Work, the task force, chaired by Ronald Ianni, president of the University of Windsor, found that the status quo is unacceptable to a broad cross-section of the public and inconsistent with trends developing in Ontario and across Canada.

As well, the task force concluded that mandatory retirement is "out of step" with the recognition of individual rights, as outlined in the Charter of Rights and Freedoms.

Ianni said that as chairman he favors a legislated ban to eliminate any uncertainties about the status of mandatory retirement.

A ban "would precipitate innovative and imaginative policies facilitating early retirement, reduced workload arrangements, improved pension plans and a more flexible approach generally to the whole question of retirement," Ianni said.

The two other members of the task force, Daniel Damov and Heather Webster, disagreed with Ianni over the need for government legislation in this area. Instead they favored a variety of initiatives to ensure flexibility in retirement and to allow individuals to carry on beyond age 65.

While provincial Labor Minister Greg Sorbara expressed support for many of the report's findings, he said the government may have to await a Supreme Court of Canada ruling on age discrimination before taking further action.

In examining how to implement a ban on mandatory retirement, the task force suggested that the Ontario Human Rights Code should be amended to remove the upper age limit on its prohibition of age discrimination.

Ability "should be criterion"

However due to the nature of some occupations, the task force said that Ontario Human Rights Code should still allow employers to claim the right to discriminate on the basis of age where it can be established as an occupational requirement. This would cover such occupations as firefighters, law enforcement officers and prison guards.

Raj Anand, chief commissioner of the Ontario Human Rights Commission, agreed with this, saying that age may be a legitimate occupational requirement.

"Ability to perform the job in question should be the criterion, rather than any general judgment that all people over or under a certain age lack that ability," Anand said.

The task force also recommended the retention of mandatory retirement for judges in Ontario and university faculty members.

Mandatory retirement for judges was urged on the ground that "measures to identify individual judges whose competence should be questioned would undermine judicial independence." As for the latter group, the task force recommended that tenured faculty members be exempted from such a ban to allow for universities to attract "new blood."

Gradual phase out urged

Commenting on the report, Dr. John Starkey, president of the Ontario Federation of University Faculty Associations, expressed disappointment over the recommendation...

"It is wrong to suggest that the only way to get new blood into the universities is to ask those, who in many cases are making their greatest contribution, to leave. Chronological age is a poor predictor of any one individual's intellectual abilities. We do not believe that you eliminate one injustice by creating another."

The task force also recommended that the Ontario government should set up a retirement counselling program for all public servants and encourage measures that give greater flexibility in retirement arrangements.

"The best way to ease the shock of retirement, both psychological and economic, is to replace an abrupt change by a gradual phase out of work activity," the report states. "The option of part-time work for senior employees would help many people enter their post-retirement years voluntarily and with dignity."

Zierler named valedictorian

NEW YORK —
Wendy Zierler of Willowdale, Ont., has been named valedictorian for general studies of Yeshiva University's Stern College for Women in New York City, the university has announced.

Stern College is the university's undergraduate division of liberal arts and ler will be one of some 1,500 students awarded degrees and diplomas June 2 at the 57th Annual Commencement Exercises of Yeshiva University.

An English major with a concentration in fine arts, Zierler plans to attend Princeton University this fall to earn a graduate degree in English and comparative literature. Her future plans include a career in writing and teaching.

The daughter of David and Marion Zierler, she completed studies at Stern in January of this year and is currently continuing her Jewish studies in Israel before entering Princeton University.

Zierler served as editor of Besamim, Stern College's literary journal, and as literary editor of Hamevaser, the student publication of Yeshiva Studies Division. She was also a staff member of The Observer, the College's student newspaper.

Her academic and extracurricular activities record also earned Zierler a place in Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges.

She is a graduate of the Hebrew Academy of Toronto, and took a year of classes at the Bruria School in Israel.

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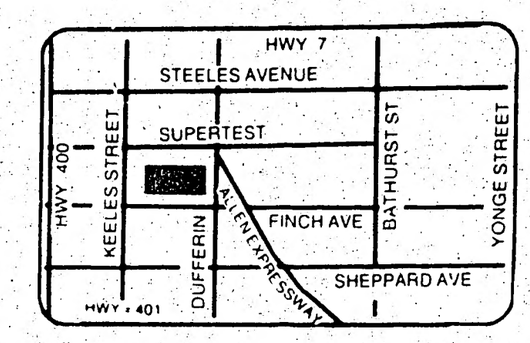

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Organizations and People

Consul-general looks back

Tragedy of Greek Jews in Holocaust recalled

By
JOEL YANOFSKY

MONTREAL —

For Elias Dimitrakopoulos, Montreal's Greek consul-general, the subject of the Holocaust remains a personal and emotional one. Dimitrakopoulos was brought up in the city of Salonika where the vast majority of Greece's Jewish pre-World War II population lived.

When the war was over only 10,000 of Greece's 80,000 Jews had survived.

"This meeting is a tribute to all my friends from Salonika whose families perished in the concentration camps," Dimitrakopoulos recently told an audience of about 150 people at Temple Emanu-El-Beth Sholom.

Recognizing that Greeks and Jews have, to a large extent, had parallel histories, Dimitrakopolous helped organize a forum on The Place and Role of Jews in Past and Contemporary Greek Society. With the sponsorship of the Temple Emanu-El's Adult Education Program, he invited the morning's two Greek-American speakers professors Alexander Kitroeff and Rae Dalven.

According to Kitroeff, a professor of modern history at Princeton University, it was the gradual decline of the Ottoman Empire — which ruled most of the Middle East, the Balkans and southern Europe for nearly five centuries — that encouraged nationalist feelings among the minorities in the region. In the early 1800s, that manifested itself as Greek nationalism; later in the century, Zionism captured the imagination of many Greek Jews.

"There was a time when Greeks resented Jews because of their seemingly sympathetic attitudes to the ruling Turks. At the start of the 20th century, however, there was a confluence of interests. It was clear both the Greek and Jewish homelands would have to be advanced and realized at the expense of the Turks," Kitroeff said.

There was a further "confluence of interests" when World War II began. Some 12,000 Jews joined the Greek army to fight the Italians and one of the first officers killed in battle was a Jewish colonel.

The Nazi occupation began in the fall of 1940 and although 80% of Greece's Jews were sent to death camps it was not, Kitroeff said, because of a lack of community support. "The resistance often saved entire communities, by hiding them in the mountains."

Kitroeff said the support could be explained by affinities built over time. The theory of Aryan supremacy was not popular with southern Europeans, mainly because they often resembled Jews more than northern Europeans.

Also, the Nazi occupation of Greece was particularly harsh and exploitive. "By the time anti-Jewish measures were introduced in 1943 all Greeks were remittingly hostile to the Nazis and unwilling to stand by while Jews were deported . . . In Athens, most of the Jews were either hidden or provided with false identity cards which said that they were Greek Orthodox."

The tragedy for Greek Jews was that the largest number of them were settled in Salonika. The descendants of Sephardi Jews from Spain and Portugal, they had been invited to emigrate by the Turkish sultan after being expelled from the Iberian Peninsula in the 15th century.

Up until the 20th century they remained unassimilated and therefore were easy targets for the Nazis.

In addition, Salonika was a strategically important city to the Germans and for that reason the Jews remained out of the reach of the resistance. However, Sephardi Jews who did manage to get to Athens were also saved.

Dalven, a Greek-born Jew and former editor-in-chief of the Sephardic Scholar, a journal published by New York's Yeshiva University, related the history of the Greek-speaking Jews of Janina, "an exotic remnant of the Diaspora."

Neither Sephardi nor Ashkenazi, they are descendants of Byzantine Jews whose presence in Janina, which is 200 miles northwest of Athens, can be traced back to the 8th century.

Today, the Janina Jews are almost extinct. At the turn of the century about 1,000 of them emigrated, mostly to New York but also to Palestine. The Nazi invasion led to 91% of the population of 1,850 people being destroyed.

As for the future of all Jews in Greece, it is limited by their small numbers. Of the 10,000 who survived the war, some 5,000 emigrated to either Israel or the United States.

Nevertheless, Dalven has been inspired by the courage and strength of those who have remained, "re-established themselves and undergone an amazing rehabilitation."

Health ministry restructured to meet program needs

By
JEFF ROSEN

TORONTO —

Acting on the recommendations of three reports, the Ontario government has restructured the ministry of health to bring about a stronger emphasis on community-based care, health promotion and disease prevention.

The Ontario Health Review Panel, chaired by Dr. John Evans, the Ontario Panel on Health Goals, chaired by Dr. Robert Spasoff, and the Advisory Committee on Health Promotion, chaired by Steve Podborski, all proposed new directions for health services.

In restructuring, Health Minister Elinor Caplan says she has switched her ministry's emphasis from one of funding and management to that of innovator. This is expected to allow for better communication with the community and with other ministries providing health-related services.

Key departments have been structured around three basic areas of concentration — personal, community, and institutional health — each with its own assistant deputy minister.

The assistant deputy minister for personal health will be responsible for such areas as health care professionals, drugs, assistive devices and ambulance services.

In the area of community health, the assistant deputy minister will be responsible for community health programs, community mental health, public health, health promotion and laboratory services.

The assistant deputy minister of institutional health will deal with teaching and specialty hospitals, community hospitals, psychiatric hospitals, nursing homes and hospital planning.

Positions for health care coordinators have also been created in the areas of mental health, AIDS and emergency health.

They will move across all departments to achieve integrated programs that work efficiently. They will have lines of communication with all three divisions and ensure all three are working together effectively to address the program's needs.

Camp will host kids with cancer

NEW YORK —

Camp Simcha, the only camp of its kind in the United States under Jewish auspices for children with cancer and other life-threatening illnesses, will be hosting dozens of courageous youngsters this summer in upstate New York.

The camp, in its third year, offers comprehensive camping experience for children between the ages of 6 to 18 under the guidance of Dr. Peter Steinherz, pediatric oncologist with Memorial-Sloan Kettering Cancer Centre in New York.

Camp Simcha is the brainchild of Rabbi Pinchos Horowitz who heads the non-profit Chai Lifeline and who created the camp to give these children the opportunity to experience a camping program and enable their parents to take a much needed rest from the taxing care they give their youngsters.

"We're essentially a lifeline for both children and parents," said Horowitz. "After an exhausting year of doctors, hospital, and hopefully remission, the whole family really deserves a breather. And Camp Simcha is here to do just that." Siblings are also welcome to participate in camp activities.

Located in the Catskills Mountains, the camp offers a country atmosphere where campers enjoy regular camp activities. These include sports, games, swimming, arts and crafts, and field trips along with a professionally supervised program that incorporates the special needs of the campers such as diet and medication.

"What we're out to prove is that cancer — especially in children — is not necessarily a death sentence," said Rabbi Horowitz. "And what better place than a camp setting to get this message across to parents, children and those close to them."

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Inn on the Park hotel gets kosher kitchen

By CYNTHIA GASNER

TORONTO —

The Inn on the Park is Toronto's fourth hotel to install a separate kosher kitchen.

The decision to open a kosher kitchen was the result of frequent requests from the Jewish community, businesses and private individuals alike, says Lino Ferreira, director of catering.

We recognized that there was a definite need for such services within the community and that there was an opportunity for us to better service our clientele through catering such functions as bar and bat mitzvahs, weddings and other social functions.

Since the late 1970's, the Inn on the Park has hosted numerous private kosher functions as well as fund raising events but until recently, these events were prepared by outside kosher caterers.

"We realized that we were capable of providing the same or better quality goods than these caterers because, with a separate kitchen, we could prepare the food from scratch in our own kitchens," says Ferreira, who joined the Four Seasons Inn on the Park more than 20 years ago.

Previously, notes Ferreira, the kitchen had to be closed for two days to prepare the facility for kosher catering. This meant that other events had to be refused.

Recognizing that the demand for kosher functions was steadily increasing, the hotel management embarked on a lengthy study and, in 1987, approved the capital expenses for the separate kosher kitchen.

Under the supervision and cooperation of the Kashruth Council of the Toronto Jewish Congress, the new facility was recently completed and it is capable of servicing functions from 100 to 500 people.

Ferreira notes that the hotel has catered many prestigious kosher events including functions for Mount Sinai Hospital, the Baycrest Hospital, the Weizmann Institute and private parties.

A native of Portugal, Ferreira graduated from the Hotel School in Lisbon, Portugal and worked at the Avis Hotel in Lisbon.

After his arrival in Canada in 1961, he joined the Four Season's chain as a room service manager working in Belleville and Calgary. He assumed the position of director of catering in 1975. Ferreira is a member of the National Association of Catering Executives in Toronto and he is active in the hospitality industry.

With the new kosher kitchen at the Inn on the Park, the hotel will have an opportunity to be more creative with its kosher catering, says Ferreira

The Inn on the Park has set up kosher meals with prices that start at, breakfast, $15, lunch, $30, and dinner, $45 per person.

Their extensive list of gourmet dishes includes hors d'oeuvres, Belgian endive with salmon mousse, and artichoke bottom filled with fine ratatouille; brunch, assorted smoked fish, and paupiettes of sole with lemon sauce; lunch, vegetable chowder with garlic croutons, broiled medallion of salmon with watercress sauce, and grilled breast of chicken with ginger and citrus glaze.

And the dinners include roast veal with sage stuffing, and roast rib eye of beef; among the desserts are raspberry mousse, three sherbets served with fruit coulis, and chocolate terrine with raspberries.

"Our executive chef, Gunter Lorscheidt, can tailor any menu to suit the guest's desire," says Ferreira. "We are very excited about our new kosher facilities and we are pleased to be able to offer another service to our valuable guests and to the Jewish community.

Gunter Lorscheidt (left), the executive chef at the Four Seasons Inn on the Park, celebrates the opening of the kosher kitchen with Lino Ferreira, the director of catering.

Multi-faith religious education program advocated by NDP

TORONTO —

The Ontario government should develop and promote a multi-grade, multi-faith religious education curriculum in Ontario schools, says NDP MPP Richard Allen.

Allen, MPP for Hamilton West, recently introduced a resolution calling on the government to develop such a program which would be taught by certified teachers with the appropriate training.

To properly prepare for such a program, Allen said that the government should establish a religious advisory council and initiate a few pilot projects in cooperation with local communities.

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Organizations and People

Provide incentives to girls to stay on the job

Placement agency helps find mothers' helpers

By
BILL GLADSTONE

TORONTO —

Driving together to their sons' baseball tournament in Rochester, last summer, two young mothers from Thornhill discovered they shared a mutual problem.

Every summer the women each employed a mother's helper. The problem was simply that, due to a combination of homesickness and loneliness, the teenaged girls they employed could not be counted upon to stick it out the six or eight weeks of their contracts.

Too often, the girls packed up early and returned to their homes in eastern Ontario and Quebec.

For Simmie Fishman and Rickie Glickman, the discussion in the car that day was not for nothing. Rather it was the genesis of a new company — R & S Unique Placement Agency — that, according to Fishman, "aims to provide a mutually rewarding experience" for both the mother's helper and her Toronto family.

By providing the girls with a "Welcome to Toronto" tourist kit and a list of other mothers' helpers in their neighborhood, Fishman and Glickman hope the teenaged girls, who are usually stuck in a house in the suburbs all week long, can make friends and explore the city together on their days off.

As an additional incentive to staying on the job, the mothers' helpers are offered a bus trip to Niagara Falls for a Sunday late in July at reasonable cost.

"I'm very confident that what we're doing is right on track," says Glickman, "because if as a parent this had been offered to me last summer, I would have grabbed it."

The partners have lots of experience between them in the area of early childhood education. Originally from Chicago, Glickman is the supervisor of the nursery school at Temple Har Zion, as well as a staff member in the early childhood department of Seneca College.

Fishman is a pre-school instructor with the department of parks and recreation in Markham, and teaches English as a Second Language in the evenings.

A key element that distinguishes their placement agency from most others is that besides the tourist kit, R & S provides each mother's helper with a thick folder containing child care information.

Glickman and Fishman quickly agree that they offer a matchmaking service that matches parents with teenaged girls from Quebec who want to spend a summer in an English environment away from home.

The service is free for the girls, who receive, in addition to room and board, anywhere from $55 to $90 a week from their host families, depending on their experience.

Parents who use the placement agency pay a fee of $160 for the opportunity of choosing the right summer helper from R & S's files, which contain photographs and questionnaires which the girls have completed, as well as signed parental consent forms.

So far, most of R & S's clientele reside in Thornhill, Willowdale and Richmond Hill. A large proportion of them happen to be Jewish. "People who know us from Temple Har Zion and Seneca started spreading the word," Fishman explains.

Being "the liaison and the original communicator" between the Toronto family and the mother's helper, she adds, R & S would, as part of its service, apprise the latter of whatever dietary restrictions apply when placing her in a kosher home. "We could advise her about not mixing dishes or about holidays, and about what foods are not allowed in the home," she says.

Unlike other placement agencies which also offer nannies and domestic help, R & S specializes only in mothers' helpers. With school about to end for the summer, its busy season is about to begin.

Parents who would like more information on R & S Unique Placement Agency should call 731-2454 or 764-9150.

Howard Fisher displays the back strip.

Spine protector wins approval of hockey players

By
GIL KEZWER

TORONTO —

Chiropractor Howard Fisher hopes a back protector he has invented for hockey players will join shin guards and elbow pads as standard equipment.

Fisher, 37, invested three years of research and created seven prototypes before ending up with the final product known as the Back Strip.

The half-pound back strip looks like a narrow piece of an ironing-board cover, and it's harnessed onto the person with elastic. The sandwich of foam and polypropylene, covered with a sheath of surgical poly-cotton for maximum comfort, reaches from the bottom of the neck downward, curving around the tailbone.

"If getting hit in the back is causing any pain this will reduce trauma," says Fisher, who runs a sports injury clinic. "It disperses the impact. I've been wearing it for three years in the B'nai B'rith Hockey League and wouldn't play without it."

Among NHLers who are now wearing the back protector are Russ Courtnal and Vince Damphousse of the Toronto Maple Leafs, Dave Thomas and Rick Vaive of the Chicago Black Hawks, Geoff Courtnal of the Edmonton Oilers, and Michel Goulet of the Quebec Nordiques.

Others like Denis Savard of Chicago are planning to try out the new device at training camp over the summer.

Fisher and three other partners have set up a company in Toronto — Back Strip Canada Inc. — to manufacture the safety equipment. The others are: Michael Finewax, Michael Smoskowitz, and David Axelrod.

He says the Back Strip, which comes in lengths of 18, 24, 28 and 31 inches, is so light and unobtrusive that when you get used to wearing it you almost forget it's there.

"The fact it attaches around your thighs means it doesn't shift," he says.

The protector has been used mostly by hockey players, but it could be used for football, lacrosse or tobogganing, Fisher says.

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Developer Azrieli bullish on Israeli economy

By
BEN ROSE

TORONTO —

Israel now has a relatively stable economy despite uprisings in the territories and Canadians should seize the opportunity to invest in the country, David Azrieli told the Canada-Israel Chamber of Commerce recently.

The Montreal-based architect-builder said potential investors should not hold back because of the coming election in Israel. "The next government, no matter what it will be, will be doing the same as the present one," he declared.

The trouble in the territories has resulted in a loss of business of only 1% over the whole Israel economy, according to the latest government survey, Azrieli said.

Israel's exports have zoomed to $12 billion a year, with 25 to 30% products of high technology, said the Canadian developer of Israel's first shopping mall, adding that the state will be able to balance its budget by the year 2000.

He said he is building a second North American-style shopping centre in Beersheba of 2½ levels providing 270,000 square feet and with a hotel next to the centre.

Azrieli has already let out a $10 million contract for the first part, he said, and the significant thing about the contract is that the builder did not insist on an escape hatch clause in case workers from the territories are not available.

"They can find the labor they need without them and it may result in more Jews in construction work."

The contract provides a heavy penalty if the work is not finished on time.

Azrieli's first mall, Canion Ayalon in Ramat Gan, generated business of $150 million in its third year of operation. The name Canion combines the Hebrew words for buying (kniya) and parking (henyon).

The Canadian developer said other attempts at shopping malls have failed because of "deplorable" parking.

He had no trouble raising $22 million needed for the venture from banks in Israel, he said.

While construction in Beersheba is just getting underway, Azrieli said he is in the final stage of planning a shopping centre in the Minhat area of Jerusalem with 600,000 square feet.

He said his rate of profit from Canion Ayalon is better than his rate on properties in North America. Azrieli's Israeli employees, including a retired general, are more efficient than his employees in North America, he said. He urged his audience to take advantage of the skilled labor force and the sophisticated economy in Israel.

Azrieli, president of the Canadian Technion Society and the Canadian Zionist Federation, and a member of the boards of Israel Bonds and the Canada-Israel Chamber of Commerce, was bullish about the Israel economy.

He said a whole generation of North Americans, raised in the 1960s and 1970s when inflation was rampant in Israel, do not yet recognize its new and stable economy.

He said the rate of corporate taxes in Israel is "a touch" lower than in Canada so he exercises his option to take the Israeli rate.

"Courageous" moves by the government have reversed the economic stagnation of the early 80s, with the inflation rate down to 15%, Azrieli said. With support of business and the Histadrut, the economy is now back on track, without a major loss of jobs, keeping the unemployment rate at 6%, he added.

The deficit has dropped 21% in the first three months of 1988 due to booming exports, he said, adding that there is now no black market in currency.

As if answering an unspoken question, Azrieli said, "Yes, there is a bureaucracy in Israel and there is perhaps more of it there than here."

While doing the preliminary work for the small at Beersheba, he said: "We had a scare when our excavation turned up graves, but luckily they were Byzantine graves and there is no law against disturbing them."

By 2,000 he predicted that major Israeli companies will have lots of branches around the country, compared to only 120 firms which have more than three stores now, and this will have a major favorable impact on the economy.

Any venture in Israel must be based on strictly a business basis, not on sentimentality, Azrieli said.

There is still pioneering to be done in Israel with the new chalutzim being those versed in technology and the humane sciences, he said, "using the Jewish brain to make Israel free and independent in the company of nations."

The meeting was chaired by Paul Rothstein, a vice-president of the Chamber, and thanks were expressed by Ronnie Mandowsky. The lecture was sponsored by the Israel Discount Bank.

Esther Exton dies

TORONTO —

Community activist Esther Exton passed away here recently, shortly before the 40th anniversary of her marriage to financier Eric Exton.

Born Esther Friedman in Toronto, she used her artistic talents to build a career in dress design. She maintained an abiding interest in the arts, being involved with the Canadian Opera Guild and the Stratford Shakespearean Festival Foundation.

She was a leader in many community organizations, including Baycrest Centre for Geriatric Care, Israel Bonds, Mount Sinai Hospital and ORT.

Her most active involvement was with B'nai B'rith Women, where she was a top fund raiser for approximately 15 years. She organized the first B'nai B'rith Blood Donor Clinic in 1959, and continued to support that project. She worked in the educational and programming areas.

In 1980, she wrote a cookbook for the B'nai B'rith Women yearbook.

She was a Negev Dinner honoree in 1978 and a State of Israel Bonds-Adath Israel Congregation honoree in 1974, both with her husband Eric, who is also active in community affairs.

Esther Exton

In her leisure time, she enjoyed orchid growing and handicrafts, and belonged to the Primrose and Maple Downs Golf and Country Clubs

She leaves, besides her husband, brother Jack Friedman, children Leonard and Renee Exton and Sybil and Barry Berenstein, and grandchildren Tara, Ilana, Steven and Jory.

Honor planned for Rapoport

TORONTO —

Dr. Abraham Rapoport, who will retire next month as physician-in-chief of the Toronto Western Hospital, will be honored by his friends and colleagues June 15.

An educational facility will be established within the Canadian Institute for the Energies and Applied Research on the campus of the Weizmann Institute of Science in Rehovot, Israel.

The project consists of a central tower some 15 storeys high and two research buildings, one dedicated to energy-related research and the other to applied research in a myriad of disciplines. The project will be formally dedicated on the Weizmann campus in November.

Rapoport has been one of the most influential figures in the development of the specialty of nephrology in Canada. During the course of his distinguished career, Rapoport has published more than 70 scientific articles and developed an international reputation.

In 1960, Rapoport won the Starr Medal for medical research and in 1968 received the William Goldie Prize for "contributions to medical knowledge". He has lectured and been an invited professor around the world, and in 1983-84 he served as a visiting professor of Medicine at Hadassah Hospital in Jerusalem.

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TORONTO —

One of summertime's most popular leisure activities will be used to raise funds for the Heart and Stroke Foundation of Ontario when the Manufacturers Ride for Heart is held June 12.

Sponsored by The Manufacturers Life Insurance Co., the Ride is expected to attract an estimated 5,000 cyclists who will start at Greenwood Raceway to begin a 50 or 100 kilometre bicycle ride around Metro Toronto.

The ride will be highly organized with a coordinated communications network established along the two circuits. Check- points will be established at regular intervals offering cyclists refreshments, breakdown and medical care.

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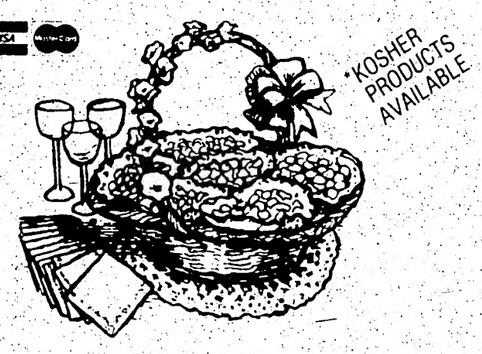

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Fashion

Anne Lawrence's cotton tulip print dress is flanked by a suit — geranium skirt, pink top and lilac bolero — from Carolyne Roehm (left) and white slacks and red boucle sweater from Sharon Batten's private label line. (Rough Layout photos)

Hadassah chapter's gala event raises funds in style

By
DOROTHY LICHTBLAU

Last week approximately 1,000 of this city's ladies who lunch attended the Toronto Hadassah-WIZO annual gala luncheon and fashion show at the Sheraton Centre's Grand Ballroom.

The event was part of Toronto Hadassah-WIZO's Youth Aliyah campaign. The aim of Youth Aliyah is to raise funds for specific projects and programs which will will aid disadvantaged Israeli youth.

The chapter is striving to raise $200,000 over a 2-year period. The funds will be used to ild a sports and assembly hall at Natanya Vocational School.

After a repast which included poached salmon teriyaki, snow peas and tropical fruit cupped in chocolate, guests had the opportunity to view spring and summer creations by Oscar de le Renta and American designers Bill Blass, John Anthony, Anne Lawrence, Geoffrey Beene, Carolina Herrera amongst others.

Presented by Sharon Batten, owner of a shop in Hazelton Lanes that carries her name, the show highlighted Carolyne Roehm's fall collection and accessory line (see separate story on opposite page).

The show reiterated this year's hot weather fashion story.

Neon brights such as fuchsia, purple, lime and yellow were strong in most collections on the runway at the Sheraton. Bold colored hip-length jackets and cardigans were coupled with crisp white linen skirts and slacks.

Though there are no prescriptions for this season, most skirts presented were well above the knee and close to the body. In fact, in almost every grouping on the catwalk, the female form was in some way delineated or exposed.

Flowers seemed to bloom everywhere. Garments were floral, hair accessories and hats were festooned with flowers. Jewelry picked up the motif, as did gloves, shoes and handbags.

Lawrence's cotton dresses made from huge floral prints were the best examples of fashions current passion for blossoms.

Flounces, frills, and poufs were also much in evidence as were combinations and permutations of black and white.

De la Renta's short flamenco-style dresses made from polka-dotted or striped black and white taffetas incorporated all these elements.

For grand evening occasions, the looks shown were mostly bare shoulders, slim waisted, and narrow skirted. Colors favored were teal, jade, purple, and other jewel tones.

Though the spring and summer fashions in the show abandoned seriousness and elegance for fun, frivolity and girlishness, the preview of Roehm's fall collection took a different stand. From what was shown in the ballroom at the Sheraton, it seems autumn styles will be sleeker and quieter.

The big news is pants and pant suits which offer an alternative to short-type skirts. As ever accessories are important, especially hats.

Carolyne Roehm teams a purple suede skirt with a matching turtleneck. (Rough Layout photo)

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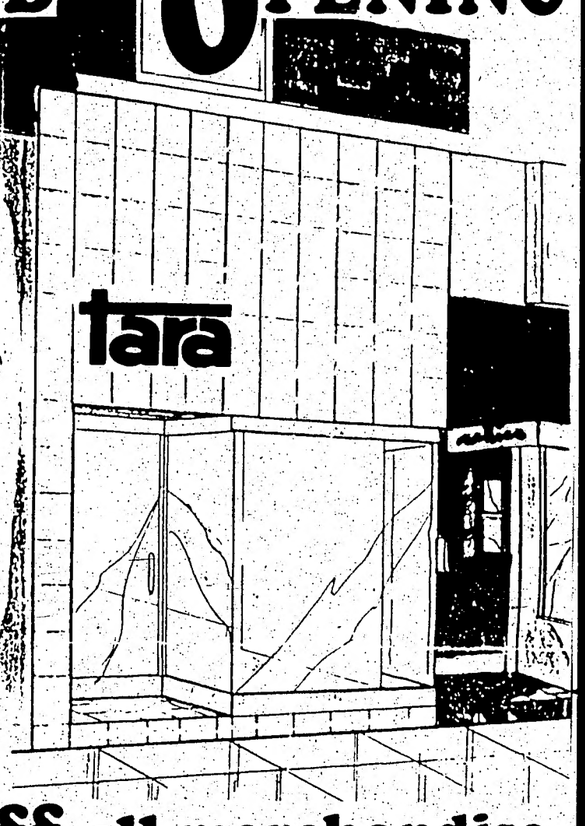

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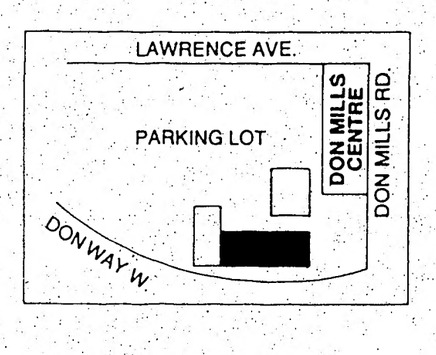

When in Roehm . . . get ready to dazzle

By
MARIE MOORE

Stepping through the doors at Sharon Batten's boutique, there was no doubt that *Carolyne Roehm* had arrived.

Surrounded by plush velvets, shimmering satins, luxurious knits and dazzling gemstones, it was as if I had left one world and had entered another.

Few designers provide such a perfect blend of color, fabrication and style. It's difficult to imagine how one could possibly improve on this fall collection ... except to lower prices so that more of us could afford to wear them.

The trunk show had arrived following the Toronto Hadassah-WIZO luncheon and fashion show. It continued for two days at Batten's Hazelton Lanes address, host of Toronto's largest Roehm grouping.

Batten was pleased with the audience response.

"They loved it. I'm happy because I feel I've achieved my goal which was and is to teach women that the art of dressing well is like gift-wrapping.

"We dress our children, decorate our houses and take care of everything else in our lives, except us. We are always the last thing on our list."

The selection at the boutique would certainly propel any women to the forefront. In addressing the challenge of elevating our self-image through visual impact, Batten has amassed a store full of the finest international designers. The decor and staff are equally representative of the collection.

Roehm's day wear is exceptional. My favorite is a short, tailored jacket featuring over-sized single panel buttons atop wide cut pants. Outerwear ranges from caramel leather coats to coordinated tweed wraps to magnificent furs — just too many to describe.

But it's her evening wear that most people identify with Roehm. The new line is ablaze with color and adorned in jewels.

The look for evening from Roehm is a wide legged, satin pajama pants with matching sash, complemented by a crochet knit halter-top piqued in sequins. A dyed Mongolian lamb jacket is accented with Lesage beading. They're priced at $11,185.

A floor-length, lime panne velvet dress is marbled with a black print and dotted in thousands of tiny black rhinestones.

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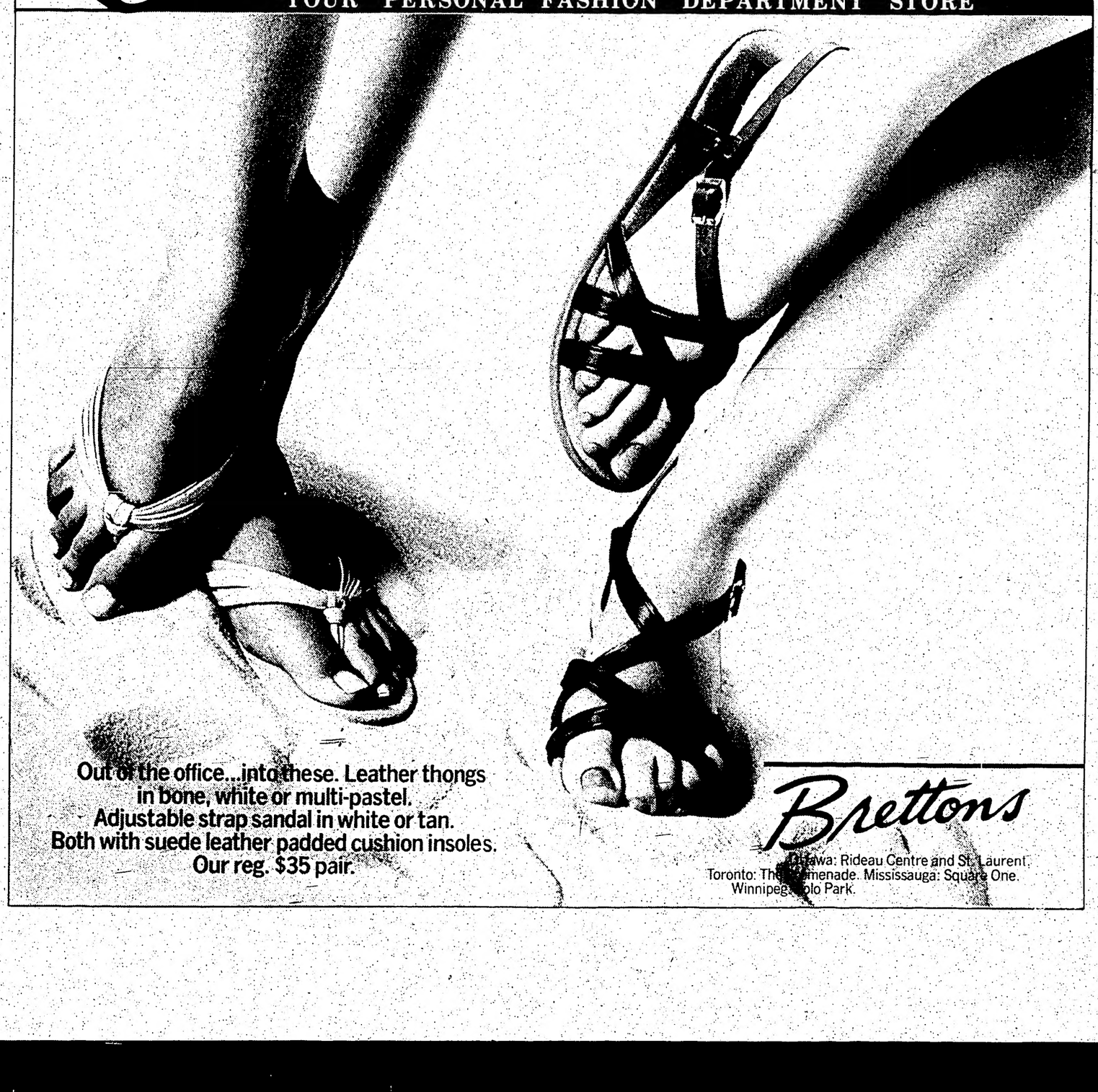

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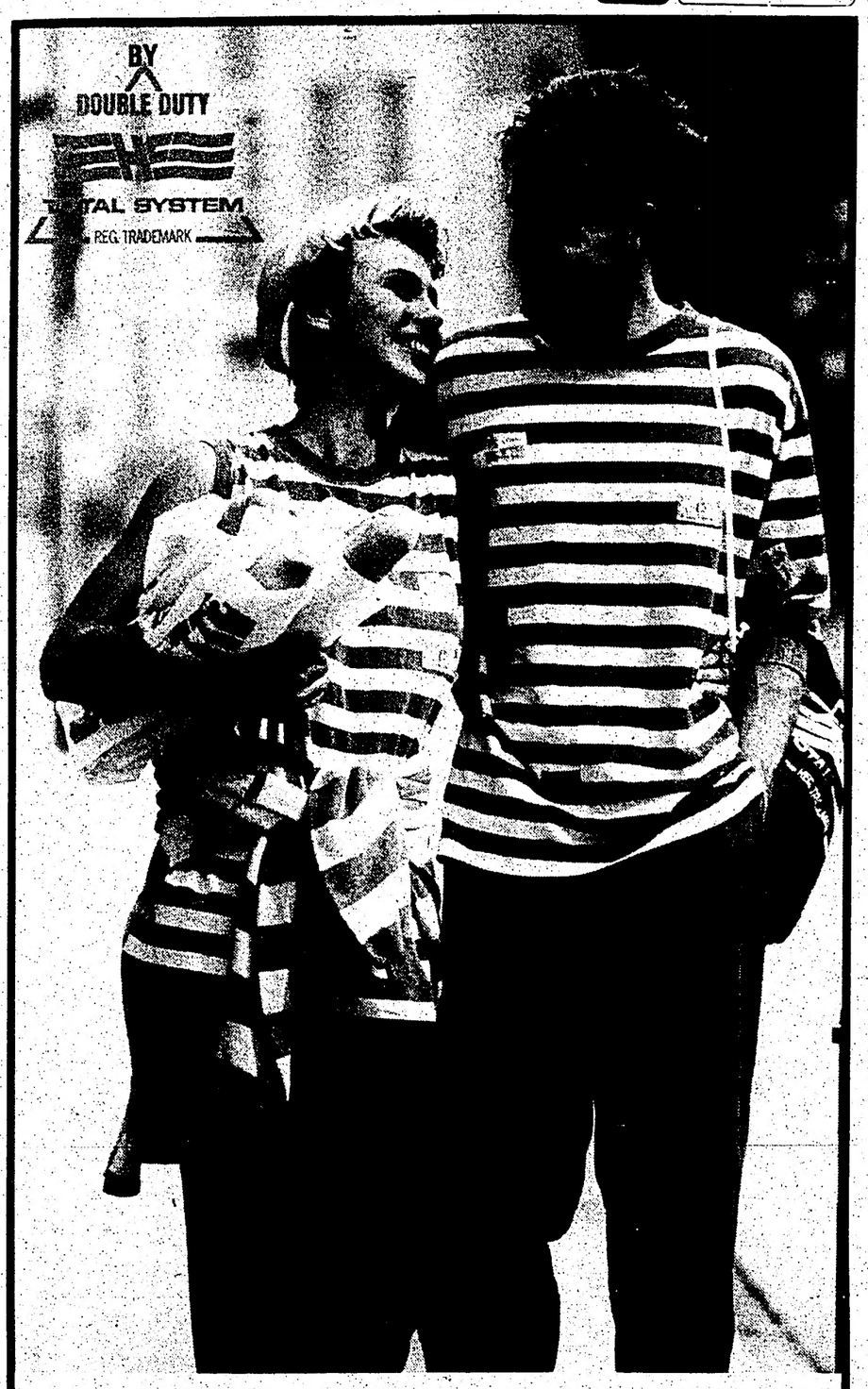

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Bree's designs emphasize classic simplicity

Quality the key in fine leather line

By BRUCE PARKINSON

Designer Wolf Peter Bree has three things in mind when creating his fine luggage and leather goods.

"Utility, utility and utility," said Ahna Lowry, manager of the Bree store in Yorkville.

Bree himself, recently in the city on a promotional tour, expanded on that a bit by listing his priorities for design.

"Function, quality and price are the key factors and I try to strike a balance between them."

Bree founded the company in 1970. The friendly, good-looking Hanover resident began his career in sales, and wound up with a German bag manufacturer. Unhappy with the "boring, conservative" creations it was offering, he took his partially developed design skills and went to work.

Bree products were first brought to North America by Bruno and Signe Mathes, longtime friends of the designer, who opened the flagship North American store six years ago in Yorkville.

Since then the company has taken off, with stores in Montreal and Vancouver and one soon to open in Ottawa. There are more than 60 authorized dealerships across Canada.

The first American store opened in the Rockefeller Centre three years ago and since then several have popped up across the United States. Two retail locations recently premiered in Hong Kong.

The majority of the Bree line is made of high quality leather untouched by the harsh chemicals used to soften hides for clothing, handbags and luggage.

Instead, pure vegetable dyes are used to enhance the leather, and the products slowly become supple and soft, with the color deepening to a rich glow after years of use.

Imperfections in the hide — scratches and marks incurred during the life of the animal — only serve to give the bags character and ensure that no two are alike, Bree said.

"Your bag has your own touch — you'll never see another like it."

But too many marks go beyond the realm of individuality so Bree takes care to purchase hides from Switzerland or south Germany where there are few biting insects and barbed wire fences that damage the goods. He also prefers to buy bulls for their larger, thicker hides.

Wolf Peter Bree has created a line of quality luggage.

Finding good quality leather is becoming more and more difficult. As well the price has increased greatly over the past few years as producing countries are exporting less and keeping more for their domestic markets. In addition, pasture land is being eaten up by industrialization and urban sprawl, Bree said.

Changing attitudes

North American attitudes have changed a great deal since Bree first visited these shores in 1967, he said.

"There is much more of an emphasis on quality, and a great interest in design features."

The designer's philosophy of quality is spelled out in a recent Bree newsletter.

"Quality has never been as important as it is today. It is part and parcel of the new literacy in society, the movement toward the deeper knowledge we all enjoy.

"In essence, quality places design excellence at a premium, with emphasis on timelessness and classic simplicity."

Right now Bree is excited about a new line he has launched, one that isn't made of leather.

It's called Key West, and Bree describes the soft nylon travel luggage as "a little bit spectacular."

He spent some time in the southern Florida town, checking out some of Hemingway's haunts and sampling local libations, and came away enamored with the place.

Wanting to create "something really new in design," Bree came up with the Key West line which, in bright pastel colors and combinations of geometric shapes, is reminiscent of 50s art deco design.

He describes the 8-piece line as "optimistic, happy, vacation bags" and says that they are fitting to the Key West moniker.

"It's a crazy area so they are a little bit crazy bags."

Since the launch of the line, Bree says it has met with "extreme success." It also meets his own criteria for a successful design.

"It satisfies me as a designer when people say right away 'I love it.' You shouldn't have to always explain what you had intended. It should be obvious."

There are several Bree lines to choose from, ranging from leather-reinforced nylon travel luggage, to rich, dark, oiled leather bags, to classic, all natural cowhide bags and briefcases with brass hardware.

Leather bags run from $80 to $450, briefcases $250 to $350. Items from the Key West line retail between $30 and $200.

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On Eagle's Wings and Other Things

Steiner expresses love for Israel in children's book

By
MYRON LOVE

WINNIPEG —
With "Eagles Wings," Connie Steiner has taken flight. Last November, the Jewish Publication Society of New York released On Eagles' Wings and Other Things, the first children's book written and illustrated by the Winnipeg artist and illustrator and occasional contributor to Sesame Street.

In Canada, the book is available in a number of bookstores in Toronto, Montreal and Winnipeg as well as through the Winnipeg public libraries.

Born and raised in Philadelphia, Steiner has always been oriented towards art. "I decided, when I was 5, I wanted to be a children's book illustrator," she recalled.

"I used to read children's books and look at the pictures. I thought they were all drawn individually and I wanted to do that."

In 1971, Steiner earned her fine arts degree in Philadelphia. Then came marriage and children and a move to Winnipeg in 1981 when her husband, Mark, took a position as a reading specialist with Winnipeg's Child Guidance Clinic.

With the kids both of school age when the family settled in Winnipeg, Steiner had resigned herself to being a part-time art teacher. "There are few publishers here," she said. "I wasn't expecting to find an outlet for my work in Winnipeg."

Then, one day, while reading The Winnipeg Free Press, she discovered there was a CBC office here which taped some Canadian Sesame Street segments for the national network. "I had been watching Sesame Street for years," she said. "I was an expert on the show."

The problem was that she had no animation experience and is a self-described "technical klutz." With nothing to lose, though, she took some of her work down to the CBC office. The program director liked her work but wanted something with Canadian or French content.

"I was just up from the States," she said. "I didn't know from anything Canadian. But I had had a couple of years of French."

So she wrote a poem in French — J'aime la danse — and drew some accompanying sketches. It worked. She was asked to contribute one project a year to the show. This year, she is doing two.

Over the years, people have encouraged Steiner to do a picture book. "I didn't know how to go about it," she said. "I was told my verses were nice, but too light. They wouldn't sell. Conveniently, my verses are the kind of thing Sesame Street wanted. The show gave me the chance to practice, to see what worked with music and action, and the staff was a great help."

In the meantime, she had also met Rabbi Neal and Carol Rose. Two years ago, she and Carol collaborated on a biblical calendar for students. "That was my first experience working with color separation," she said.

About the same time, she decided to give the publishing world a whirl with her ideas. Staying with her parents who had moved to New Jersey, she made the rounds of New York publishers.

"David Adler, the children's editor at the Jewish Publication Society, must have sensed in me somebody who might do a book," she said. "We sat and talked for a long time before I came up with an idea he liked. There were no promises, but he encouraged me to develop a story and keep in touch."

The idea resulted in "On Eagles' Wings," parallel stories of four children from different parts of the world making aliya. "The stories are based on composite but true experiences," said Steiner. "I've always felt strongly about Israel and this was a chance to express my love for Israel artistically."

Winnipeg, says Steiner, has been very good to her and her family. "This has been a nurturing environment," she said. "The people are friendly and there is not the competitive edge of bigger cities."

Connie Steiner

Currently Steiner is working on her second project for Sesame Street for this year and doing some drawings for a Canadian publisher.

Robert Minden Ensemble most unusual storytellers

By
GARY POGROW

VANCOUVER —
Sitting around the kitchen table interviewing the Robert Minden Ensemble was delightful. The joy and laughter of musicians Robert, his two daughters Andrea and Dewi, Carla Hallet and Nancy Walker was infectious.

But what else could there be for a troupe that considers itself to be playing "the aboriginal instruments of middle-class consumer culture."

They are storytellers who play the musical saws, spoons, bottle orchestra, crystal glass, conch shells, hoses, drones, waterphones, and other "found instruments" as well as trumpet, flute, and french horn.

"We're simmering a soup. We take a great liberty with our tradition by mixing a lot of strange sounds," said Robert Minden. "I play the musical saw," he slowed down deliciously savoring every image, "because it is the most fluid and free flowing instrument.

"In vaudeville the saw was the queen of the instruments. The saw is very similar in my ear to Hebraic chanting and Eastern Indian melodic sounds. It's all mixed together in my feelings."

Minden came upon the saw when he was strolling one day along the campus of the University of California-Berkeley where he was a visiting asssistant professor of sociology. "Hearing the musical saw was an awakening of a memory," he said.

As a young man in Toronto he studied classical music and theatre but had to give it up when his parents wanted him to become a lawyer. In his rebellion he became an academic. "I showed them.

"Before I met Tom," Robert confessed, "I was a very serious adult."

Tom was Tom Scribner, an ex-Wobbly logger, who taught Minden how to play the musical saw. "Reluctantly at first, Tom would give me half-hour lessons on the saw and then 2-3 hour lectures on the Wobblies." He wouldn't take any payment for the lessons because he didn't like the idea of teaching for money."

Music came back into Robert's life. He even performed with the Berkeley Symphony. "That was one of my real rush moments. Years went by and I was no longer an academic. I was playing the saw and loving it."

Minden returned to Canada, to Vancouver in 1972. "Once you have been living on the West Coast, you can't go back to Toronto." He opened up a freelance photography studio, and anthropologically photographed ethnic communities. While his prints were drying, he practiced the saw.

He started to get the feel that he wanted to work in the theatre again. Minden called Greenthumb Theatre and began touring with them as an actor and musician.

One day Dennis Foon, the director, called and asked if he wanted to do a 1-person show around the saw. "I said yes, but called him back and said I'd rather do it with my two daughters. I was afraid to go out alone. We did it in 1982 at Presentation House in North Vancouver. It was the real beginning of the show.

"There we were the three of us," continued Minden, "on stage telling stories about the music we make. It worked. It was very exciting. A few years later we decided to produce it ourselves."

The expanded ensemble has been working together ever since, including appearances at Expo 86.

"We're like a carnival troupe," said Andrea. I didn't have to run away to join the circus. I just said, Dad what are you doing? Can I do it too?"

"Our show is just what we are doing in our ordinary every day life," said Robert, "telling stories and making music. And added Dewi joyfully, "We're all doing what we love to do."

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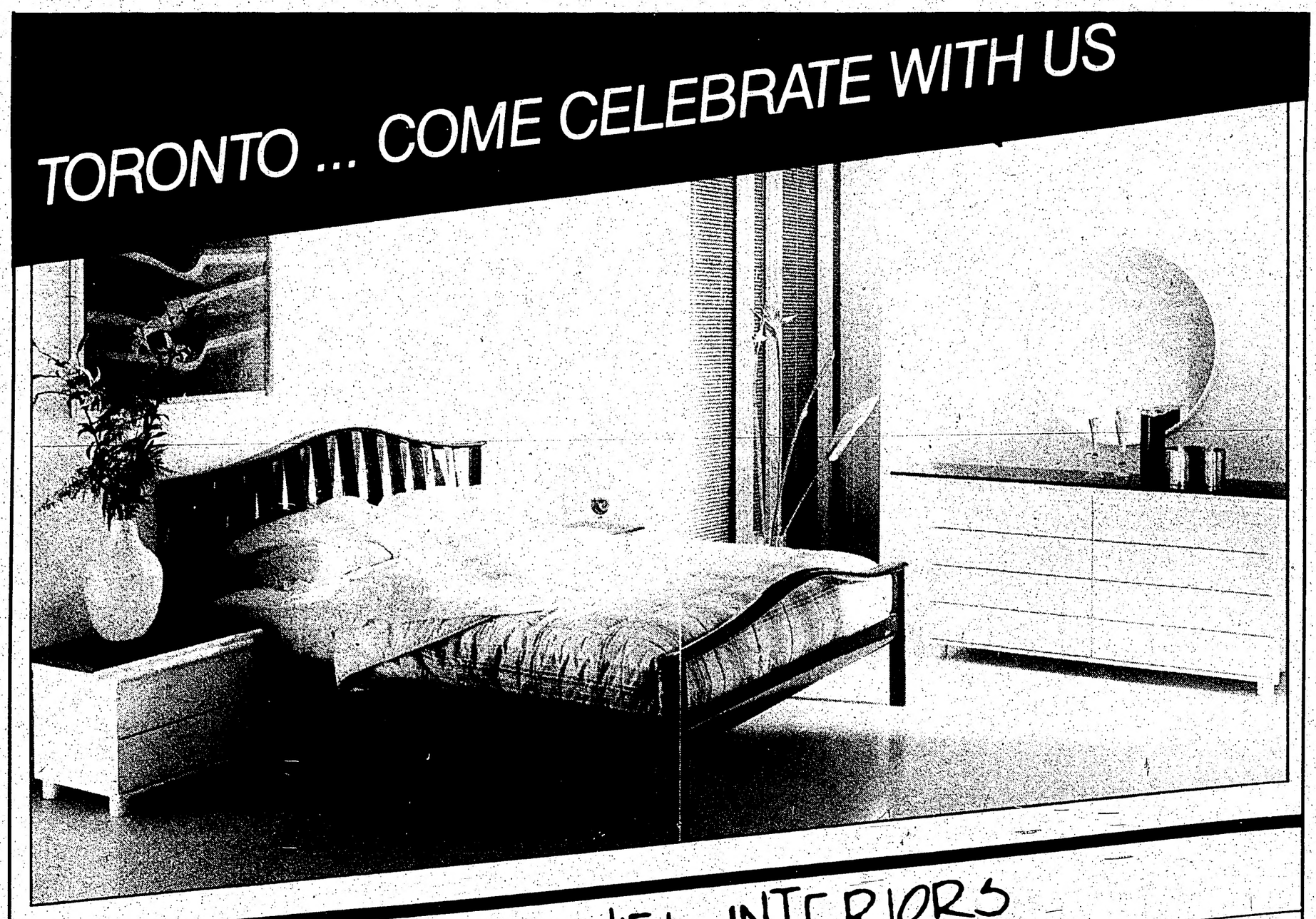

Arts

Accomplished period piece about era in colonial Africa

White Mischief presents a study in moral turpitude

By
SHELDON KIRSHNER

When German bombs were falling on London during the Blitz, certain carefree, sexually licentious British colonists in Kenya behaved as if war had never enveloped Europe.

In the Happy Valley district, near Nairobi, the decadent set carried on with their polo matches, extravagant parties, horse races, and sexual intrigue. The war seemed light years away from their hedonistic pursuits. The decolonization of Black Africa seemed even more remote.

Then scandal broke the idyll. Josslyn Hay, the 22nd Earl of Erroll, a philandering, twice-divorced army officer who set Happy Valley's tone, was found murdered in his car. He had been shot at close range with a pistol.

The obvious suspect was Sir Jock Broughton, a 57-year-old cattle rancher and land baron whose young, pretty wife, Diana, had had an indiscreet affair with Hay. Broughton was accused of murder, and his trial generated wicked gossip in Kenya and headlines in Britain.

Michael Radford's well-crafted film, *White Mischief*, is based on the Hay-Broughton scandal. Starring Joss Ackland, Greta Scacchi and Charles Dance, *White Mischief* is a study in moral turpitude.

It doesn't take Radford long to establish its parameters. At a party cum-seance, a naked, superbly-proportioned woman emerges from what seems like a tub of soapy water, revealing her breasts and posterior to a group of self-satisfied men and women. Although married, she is up for grabs. In the depraved milieu of Happy Valley, adultery is common, the name of the game.

By far the worst offender here is Hay (Dance), whose conquests have become notorious, even by Happy Valley's lax standards. After setting eyes on the imperious, sensual Diana (Scacchi), who has married Broughton (Ackland) for his money and aristocratic title, Hay pursues her shamelessly. They fall in love, and Diana promises to leave her husband.

The cuckolded Broughton gets wind of their liaison and tries unsuccessfully to stop it. Tragedy then ensues.

Now playing at Cineplex Odeon theatres, *White Mischief* is supported by a fine cast. Scacchi, who moves through this picture regally, is alternately haughty and vulnerable, not a very nice character. Dance, the soft-spoken villain, sometimes seems too self-composed. But he is largely convincing as a conniving home wrecker. Ackland, solemn, restrained and dignified, turns in the best performance.

Sarah Miles, in her role as a jilted, drug-addicted high society regular, conveys a fragility of spirit that is in keeping with the brittle nature of her surroundings. Her lilting rendition of The Alphabet Song more or less sums up the mood of the place.

Filmed against the backdrop of George Fenton's sweet, yearning, melancholic music, *White Mischief* is an accomplished period piece about an era in colonial Africa that vanished with the great white hunter.

Although it wobbles occasionally, it is generally fast on its feet, a tightly constructed film of manners which rarely disappoints its audience.

Sir Jock Broughton (Joss Ackland) and his beautiful young bride Diana (Greta Scacchi) practice shooting with fellow Happy Valley set member Jack Soames (Trever Howard) in White Mischief.

Stormy Monday a gritty romantic thriller

TORONTO — Mike Figgis' neo-noir film, *Stormy Monday*, unfolds with the casualness of a lazy, hazy summer afternoon.

But make no mistake about it. There is nothing lackadaisical about it.

Despite its offhanded tone, *Stormy Monday*, now playing at Famous Players theatres, ploughs ahead relentlessly, knowing precisely where it is heading.

Set in the rather seedy nightclub district of Newcastle, *Stormy Monday* is a gritty, somewhat smoky romantic thriller starring the kittenish Melanie Griffith, the menacing Tommy Lee Jones and, of all things, the rock star Sting.

If Sting is a renowned rocker, he is also an accomplished actor. He plays the part of Finney, a tough, unsentimental nightclub owner who fights off a crude attempt by Cosmo (Jones), a ruthless American businessman, to take over his flourishing business.

As Finney, Sting is totally in command, a streetwise hustler who hates guns but is not above using strong-arm tactics to hound his tormentor out of town.

Jones, in his role as the pushy Cosmo, exudes a genuine aura of menace. He arrives in Newcastle during American Week, determined to pump fabulous profits from a scheme to develop that down-at-the-heels port.

One of his co-conspirators is Kate (Griffith), an American expatriate who seems to drift from one situation to another.

Griffith, who last appeared in *Something Wild*, is a contradiction — tender and cynical, purposeful and aimless, sexy and maternal.

With her beautiful chiselled features, exquisite body, soft, cooing voice and nonchalant manners, Griffith is an alluring actress of considerable poise and presence.

Sean Bean, as Brendan, her Irish boyfriend, plays it cool and hip throughout the proceedings.

Stormy Monday, **which moves to the beat of a quirky musical score, particularly that of the somewhat comical Cracow Jazz Ensemble, imparts a dusky ambience reminiscent of an earlier era in filmmaking. Long on telling details and short on cumbersome explanations, it is both wistful and corrosive, an attractive combination in any medium. — S.K.**

Intermarriage questions answered

By
DAVID BIRKAN

The newly published *122 Clues for Jews Whose Children Intermarry* (US $10, Jacobs Ladder Publications) offers sensible advice on maintaining family relations in intermarriages.

The clearly written soft-cover 140 page manual in a detailed question-and-answer form will fill a significant need for those who are willing to make the most of the situation and put aside recrimination, hostility, and guilt. It is the only book of its kind that this reviewer is aware of.

The husband-and-wife team suggests the appropriate things for parents to do in Jewish and Christian holidays, in dealing with non-Jewish inlaws, in participating in a non-Jewish wedding service, and in other uncomfortable and delicate situations. It also suggests responses to name-calling by less sensitive members of the family.

The chapter discussing Will My Grandchildren be Jewish is at once hard nosed and hopeful, in addressing common situations from baptism to instruction in Christian parochial schools.

Particularly valuable is a 7-point prenuptial pact advised for the engaged couple. It specifies: post-wedding religious identity; the nature of religious artifacts and books to be kept in the home; the determination of which holidays to observe and how; specification of the children's religious identity; choice of neighborhood to live in; the setting aside of funds on a regular basis for Jewish causes; and the type of funeral services for each spouse.

"Such an agreement," the Jacobs write, "affords both partners a real opportunity to explore, in what should be a relaxed mood, areas that, after marriage, could become points of tension and contention."

122 Clues comes on the heels of the Jacobs' first book, *Clues About Jews for People Who Aren't* (US $9), which underwent a second printing several months ago. Its question-and-answer format will provide insights for Jews as well.

From Zionism to Jesus to the significance of various Jewish holidays, Clues About Jews will provide clear nuggets of information to many Jewish readers of weak educational background about how Judaism works.

Both books are available by mail from Jacobs Ladder Publications, P.O. Box 1484, Culver City, CA 90232, USA. Add $1/volume for shipping.

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Wendy Charnak Hefter's *The Complete Jewish Wedding Planner* (Harper and Row) is a 190-page workbook that could be very helpful in tackling and organizing the myriad details of a wedding. Wedding traditions to almost every conceivable checklist are included.

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Showbiz Mishmash

Stratford Festival result of magnificent obsession

By
FRANK RASKY

Tom Patterson

Allan Gould

Karen Kushnir

Steve Bengtson

Leah Cherniak

If you expect to attend the plays at the Stratford Festival — just as I will next week beginning May 30 when Shakespeare's *Richard III* opens the Festival's 36th season — I suggest you take along a valuable companion.

This playgoer's pal is a wonderfully entertaining yet enlightening book titled *First Stage: The Making Of The Stratford Festival* (McClelland & Stewart; 224 pages; $24.95). It's by **Tom Patterson**, founder of the Festival, in collaboration with the Toronto Jewish freelance writer, **Allan Gould**, and it gives you an enthralling insight into how the Stratford Miracle all began.

Patterson, as I can attest, seems at first blush a most improbable theatre miracle-worker. He's a bald, skinny little smalltown guy, who looks like a ribbon salesman. He'd never been to a live professional performance onstage until he was in his 20s in wartime London and got a free ticket from the Canadian Soldiers' Beaver Club to see a **Vic Oliver** music-hall revue.

Yet, even as a teenager, the would-be impresario was a bigtime visionary. He nursed this crazy dream of putting his backwoods hometown on the map as a world-class producer of Shakespearean dramas. But as the Toronto Telegram noted at the time, Stratford-upon-Avon, England, may have been synonymous with the Bard, but Stratford, Ont. (population less than 20,000) was synonymous with hockey.

Patterson's saga of how "we blundered our way to success" and made his magnificent obsession come true brims with low comedy and heart-lifting inspiration. Here are some highlights I particularly enjoyed.

I was amused by the baffilement of the hot-shot Toronto architect who, when shown the plans for the then revolutionary apron stage designed by **Tanya Moseiwitsch,** threw up his hands.

"There's one thing that bothers me," he exclaimed. "Where do the footlights go?"

The principle of an intimate stage that eliminates the separation between audience and performer completely flabbergasted the so-called expert.

Money was so tight that the illustrious British director, **Tyrone Guthrie**, refused to accept more than $7.50 for his initial expenses when Patterson brought him over to advise the Stratford town fathers about the feasibility of staging Shakespeare in a tent theatre.

Guthrie's enthusiasm was fired red hot by the prospect of pulling off this pioneer venture. He overcame the hostility of a skeptical reporter who demanded at a press conference, "How do you expect people to come all the way from Toronto to Stratford?"

The lanky, Scot-Irishman peered down from his 6-foot-4 height and replied, "Look at the number of people who come all the way from Canada to Stratford-upon-Avon, England."

The star attraction, British film star **Alec Guinness**, was gracious enough to accept a paltry $5,500 for the privilege of playing the title role in *Richard III* for the 6-week season. In his memoirs, *Blessings In Disguise*, he later wrote delightfully of the primitive turmoil he faced:

"When I arrived in Canada, two weeks ahead of the rehearsal schedule, the theatre was just a muddy hole in the ground about six feet deep and 10 feet square. It didn't look promising. Tony and I gazed at it with foreboding.

"Then he said, 'Rise above it!' which became his catch phrase."

Guinness was fascinated to see how the great Guthrie manipulated his company of 68 Canadians at rehearsals in an old barn, where mating sparrows flew overhead and falling eggs splattered the disconcerted actors.

"He won their hearts and adoring confidence in an hour," wrote Guinness. "He made them laugh, made them jump with activity, and held them all in the palm of his hand."

Patterson remembers how at the opening on July 13, 1953, Guinness came out in costume after the play was over, and said in a simple speech to the audience, "I want to pay tribute to the only man who could make this possible — William Shakespeare." The long, standing ovation seemed to Patterson to go on forever.

What I remember most vividly from the book is Guthrie's eloquent championing of live theatre for Canadians in a talk he gave on CBC-Radio.

He said that Canadians had already made their mark in radio dramas and might well do the same in television, which was then in its birth pangs. "But these mechanized arts are not the theatre — they are an ersatz substitute," he said. "They bear the same relation to the theatre as a telephone conversation to real conversation — in fact, a poor relation."

He accurately predicted that the Stratford Festival would some day spawn professional regional theatre and that gifted Canadian actors would no longer have to leave the country to make a living wage.

He concluded by saying he was not advocating intensely solemn theatre. "Far from it," he said. "I believe that, in art as in life, the serious should be shot through with absurdity and fun.

"I like to think of the theatre as a place where the mighty are cast down and where the humble and meek are exalted, where serious people and ideas have their pants pulled off, but where — paradoxically — fun is deadly serious."

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If, like me, you're a genuine jitterbug who enjoys cutting a rug to Big Band swing music of the 1940s, I urge you to drop around to the Columbus Centre Rotunda, 901 Lawrence Ave. W. at Dufferin St. at 8 p.m. May 28. You'll thus be able to join your fellow hipsters in dipsy-doodling at the 3rd annual *Swing Era Concert And Dance*. Phone 421-6691 to reserve tickets, which sell for $8 for one or $15 for a couple.

The "swingsational big bash," as they term it, is presented by the 40-member Northdale Concert Band, who'll be playing everything from a **George Gershwin** blues medley to **Richard Rodgers'** jazzy *Slaughter On Tenth Avenue*. Most of the performers are part-time musicians.

Typical perhaps is **Karen Kushnir**, the 34-year-old Jewish flute player, who works as operations manager for the Harbord Fish Co. on Finch Ave. W. "Swing music is fun to play," she told me. "I was immersed in it since I was a 5-year-old girl."

Her father, **David**, owner of the fish company, used to study the vibraphone under the tutelage of **Hagood Hardy**, and she recalls her father practicing at home.

Karen began playing piano at 6, switched to French horn at 12, and at 17 switched again to the flute as a result of being influenced by Toronto jazz flautist **Moe Koffman**.

Other Jewish performers in the band are clarinetist **Shelly Glass**, who works as an insurance company analyst; alto saxophonist **Steve Fuller**, a biology and science teacher; trumpeter **Bernie Koffman** (Moe's brother), who is a lawyer; trumpeter **Howard Heiber**, president of Global Sound System/Audio Products International; lead trumpet player **Len Klebanoff**, a physicist; and his pianist wife, **Gail**, who is active as a music director for community projects.

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Steve Bengtson, a full-time Jewish professional mandolin player, specializes in a spicy mix of frisky swing, hot jazz, gypsy soul, country rock, and what he calls "ethno-fusion rhythm."

He's co-founder of a zany quintet of musicians called the Romaniacs, currently on a cross-Canada tour from their Vancouver home base to Halifax. They'll be bringing their ethnic-flavored music and off-the-wall brand of humor on June 2 and 3 to Albert's Hall, 481 Bloor W. (964-2242).

Bengtson launched the band in 1985 after joining forces with violinist **Calvin Cairns** when both were students at the University of Saskatchewan. Besides their music and a sense of fun, they each shared an ethnic heritage; Bengtson's folks were from Minsk, Russia and Cairns was of Ukrainian descent.

Now, in tandem with guitarist **Ben Thompson** and bassist **Scott White**, they pretend to be the Romaniac brothers, whose family hails from Climax, Sask. A highlight of their show is awarding a huge plate of kielbasa sausage to the winner of their prairie-skill-testing question: "What's the name of the newspaper in our hometown?" (The correct answer: The Weekly Climax.)

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In line with my policy of putting Jewish backstage people in the spotlight, let's give a big hand to **Leah Cherniak**. She's co-artistic director with **Martha Ross** of Theatre Columbia, and is now staging *Paranoia*, a dark comedy about fear and distrust of our neighbors, written by Martha Ross in collaboration with the company. It runs from June 2 to 26 at the Poor Alex Theatre, 296 Brunswick Ave. at Bloor (927-8998).

Besides teaching and directing youth workshops at the Blyth Festival and for the National Theatre School, Cherniak is also an actress. Last season she not only directed the Theatre Columbus production of *The Anger In Ernest & Ernestine*, she also portrayed Queen Somaat in its Dora Award-winning show, *Fertility*.

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Last week, at a symposium of international dance critics held at the O'Keefe Centre and wittily emceed by **William Littler** of The Toronto Star, I picked up some fresh definitions of an arts critic.

Irish playwright **Brendan Behan**: "Critics are like eunuchs in a harem. They know how the trick is done, but they can't do it themselves."

Swedish film director-writer **Ingmar Bergman**: "A movie critic doesn't have to be a cow to be able to tell when the milk is sour."

George Bernard Shaw: "A drama critic is a man who leaves no turn unstoned."

My own favorite definition is that arts criticism is like trying to tattoo soap bubbles.

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Arts

Shaw, Stratford open this month

Drama festivals expected to be bigger than ever

By
FRANK RASKY

TORONTO —
The curtain is going up at Canada's two major drama festivals, each expected to be bigger than ever and together drawing an expected total of more than 750,000 theatregoers.

Opening this week for its 27th year is the junior Shaw Festival at Niagara-on-the-Lake. By the time its season is completed on Oct. 16, it expects to attract 300,000 people spending $6.1 million at the box office.

The most expensive ticket is $37.50 for a Saturday night performance at the Festival Theatre, and least expensive is a $6 ticket for a student attending a midweek matinee.

The stars range from Douglas Rain in George Bernard Shaw's *You Never Can Tell* to Christopher Newton as Captain Hook in J. M. Barrie's *Peter Pan.*

Other productions feature Jennifer Phipps and Ted Dykstra in the Moss Hart-George S. Kaufman comedy, *Once In A Lifetime*; Beth Anne Cole in the Vincent Youmans Broadway musical, *Hit The Deck*; Frances Hyland in Shaw's *The Dark Lady Of The Sonnets*; Peter Hutt and Robin Craig in Erwin Piscator's version of the Leo Tolstoy classic, *War And Peace.* Also Irene Hogan in Shaw's *Geneva*; Douglas Rain and Joe Zeigler in Harley Granville-Baker's mystery drama, *The Voysey Inheritance*; Peter Hutt in J. B. Priestley's murder thriller, *Dangerous Corner*; and Leonid Andreyev's dramatic circus saga, *He Who Gets Slapped.*

To order tickets or obtain a play schedule booklet, you may phone the box office directly toll-free from Toronto at 361-1544; elsewhere the number is (416) 468-2172. Or you may write to the festival box office at P.O. Box 774, Niagara-on-the-Lake, Ont. L0S 1J0.

The Stratford Festival will open its 36th season on May 30 with a star-studded cast in *Richard III* — the same Shakespearean drama that launched the theatre on July 13, 1953. The performers include James Blendick, Ann Casson, Colm Feore, Susan Wright, Douglas Campbell, William Needles, Lucy Peacock, Goldie Semple and Geraint Wyn Davies.

When its season is completed on Oct. 30, it expects to have played to 456,000 people who will have spent $11.5 million.

The top ticket price is $33.50 for a Saturday night musical in midsummer and least costly is a $7.50 ticket for students and seniors attending a midweek matinee.

The other Shakespeare productions feature Kim Horsman, Goldie Semple, Colm Feore and William Needles in *The Taming of the Shrew*; Joseph Shaw, Susan Wright, Lucy Peacock and Nigel Hamer in *All's Well That Ends Well*; Peggy Coffey, Henry Czerny and John Wojda in *The Two Gentlemen of Verona*; and the Young Company directed by Robin Phillips in *Twelfth Night* and *King Lear.*

The musicals will consist of John Neville, Lucy Peacock and Richard Curnock in the Alan Jay Lerner-Frederick Loewe classic, *My Fair Lady*; and Susan Henley, Keith Dinicol and Scott Wentworth in Jeff Hyslop's version of the original David Merrick Broadway production of *Irma La Douce.*

Other productions include Lorne Kennedy, Stephen Russell, Geraint Wyn Davies and Goldie Semple in the Alexandre Dumas swashbuckler, *The Three Musketeers*; Nicholas Pennell and Bernard Hopkins in T. S. Eliot's *Murder In The Cathedral*; Henry Czerny and Nicholas Pennell in Stephen MacDonald's World War I play, *Not About Heroes*; and the Young Players in Richard Brinsley Sheridan's *The Critic* and *Oedipus* by Sophocles.

To order tickets or obtain a play schedule booklet, you may phone the box office directly toll-free from Toronto at 363-4471; elsewhere the long distance number is (519) 273-1600. Or you may write to the festival box office at P.O. Box 520, Stratford, N5A 6V2.

Colm Feore as Petruchio and Goldie Semple as Katherina co-star in Shakespeare's Taming Of The Shrew at Stratford Festival.

U.S. Civil War tale informative, stimulating

books

By
BERNARD BASKIN

Battle Cry of Freedom, by James McPherson. Oxford University Press, $44.95.

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The Civil War is the most worked-over subject in United States history. It has been estimated that more than 50,000 books and pamphlets have been written on the war and its aftermath. Almost 125 years after its conclusion it is still a topic of unrelenting fascination. Its effects are still manifest in American political, cultural and economic life.

Out of a population of 31 million, 625,000 soldiers died — 360,000 Yankees and at least 260,000 rebels. This carnage was as great as in all the nation's wars combined, including Vietnam. It was the price to be paid for the liberation of four million Black people and the preservation of the Union.

Perhaps the terrible sacrifices on both sides could have been avoided with a greater sense of compromise. But the South was determined to defend such cherished freedoms as self-determination and self-government; the North was equally convinced that an undivided union was the bulwark and foundation of its liberty.

Battle Cry of Freedom covers 29 eventful years from the outbreak of the war with Mexico in 1847. The author, professor of history at Princeton, with an unfailing eye for drama and colorful anecdote, brilliantly depicts the pre-Civil War era, America at mid-century. Then, with a magisterial sweep — in which knowledge and splendid writing are combined — he describes the portentous four years from the firing on Fort Sumter to the surrender at Appomattox.

McPherson provides up to date scholarship and fresh interpretations. He invests an old subject with vivid new life.

Lincoln emerges as a fallible but giant figure who tenaciously held the North together, ended up with the right generals and overcame the blight of slavery.

The 150,000 Jews in the United States were divided in their loyalties. The great majority were Northern partisans.

When inflation caused widespread suffering and frustration, anguished Southerners sought a scapegoat and began to blame Jews for their woes. Jews were an easy target for irresponsible newspapers and bigoted politicians. McPherson makes clear that most merchants — Jewish and Gentile — were as much victims as perpetrators of shortages and inflation.

Trade with the South, especially in cotton, was outlawed by Northern decree. It was difficult, however, to eliminate, and General Ulysses Grant, in his anger, expelled all Jewish traders from several Southern states. Lincoln quickly revoked the order, explaining that it "proscribed a whole class, some of whom are fighting in our ranks." He also established, for the first time, the right of rabbis to serve as military chaplains. In every instance, Lincoln's attitude toward Jews was exemplary.

This massive work is unfailingly informative, stimulating and entertaining. It will long remain the best one-volume evocation of two fateful decades of American history. It is unreservedly recommended.

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Nazi collaboration is theme

Edward Bond's Summer packs provocative wallop

By
FRANK RASKY

TORONTO —

"I write about violence as naturally as Jane Austen wrote about manners," says Edward Bond, the prize-winning British dramatist, of his 25 post-World War II plays.

"Violence shapes and obsesses our society," he maintains. "It would be immoral of me not to write about violence."

Bond, now 54, is the son of a common laborer and generally ranked as England's poet of proletarian protest.

So he would also consider it immoral not to write about social injustice, the corruption of the capitalistic class system, and the abuses of aristocratic privilege.

All these themes are packed into his cranky, sometimes puzzling, but provocative 1982 drama, *Summer*, running until May 29 at the Canadian Stage Company's Free Theatre Downstairs (26 Berkeley St., 368-2856).

It's not as controversial as his earlier play, *Saved*, notorious for a scene in which a baby is stoned to death in its carriage, but it's quirky just the same.

It's set in an unidentified Eastern European country (perhaps Hungary or Poland) that was occupied by the Germans in World War II and later underwent a revolution. And it is centred on two aging women, 40 years after the war, haunted by their memories of the past.

One is Xenia, performed brilliantly by Patricia Collins (who was a standout as the cold-blooded, blonde real estate racketeer in *Beautiful City* last year at Factory Theatre). Here she's the pampered, bitchy and utterly insensitive ex-aristocrat, now well-married to a wealthy Englishman, who pays a return summer visit to the European home by the sea that once belonged to her patrician family.

Joy Coghill (left) and Patricia Collins co-star in Summer, a play about Nazi collaborators.

The house is now the property of her ex-servant, Marthe (also well played by Joy Coghill, the Vancouver actress, who excelled in the Tarragon Theatre production of *Albertine In Five Times*). Here she's an embittered, socially conscious idealist, suffering from a terminal illness, and brooding in the sunshine over wartime injustices, as she awaits what she terms her "second death."

The two women have strikingly different recollections of the German occupation. Xenia has fond memories of parties on her father's terrace, when the local serfs would gather in the twilight and serenade the rich folk with peasant songs.

True, her father was a wartime collaborator, who entertained the occupying Nazi officers, gambled with them, and gained immunity from their massacres of local citizens held as hostages on a nearby island. But according to Xenia, his collaboration was justified, because it enabled him to pry out information which he passed on to the underground partisans.

Her family's privileged status further enabled Xenia to save Marthe's life. When the Nazis were preparing to slaughter 200 hostages in reprisal for partisan attacks, Marthe had only to point to her servant to gain Marthe's release from the island concentration camp. The remaining 199 hostages were killed.

After all these years, Xenia still can't understand Marthe's ingratitude. When the war was over, she demands, why did Marthe testify against her father at a trial conducted by the Communists?

Marthe retaliates that she has never been able to forgive herself. Her rescue from death, performed by Xenia as an aristocratic act of *noblesse oblige*, could not be equated with the injustice done to 199 innocent hostages who were butchered. To demonstrate her contempt, she spits in the face of Xenia.

The high point of the drama is Xenia's encounter on the island's one-time concentration camp with a German tourist (portrayed with a satiric bite by veteran Stratford actor Lewis Gordon).

In a horrifying monologue, this former Nazi guard self-righteously remembers how difficult it was to perform his executioner's duty.

Among other things, he complains about the shortage of ammunition and space; how the prisoners were crammed into caves; and how the corpses were piled up so plentifully that you had a devil of a time stepping over them and tossing them into the sea as you would dispose of garbage.

Xenia leaves this evil incarnate with horror when he reveals that his morale was bucked up immensely by gazing at the pretty blonde maiden in the pure-white dress — namely herself — lolling on her father's terrace.

My chief complaint is aimed at director Neil Munro, better known as an actor who has performed in two major Canadian films, Gordon Pinsent's *John And The Missus* and Leon Marr's *Dancing In The Dark*. Evidently determined to make this a "director's play," he has overproduced this complex, multi-layered drama with distracting, irrelevant effects.

He has injected prerecorded bits of dialogue that break up the orderly flow of action and simply don't make sense. He has inserted eerie, wailing music from a synthesizer which would be more appropriate for a schlock horror movie. And his set by designer Astrid Janson — a mammoth spooky cave with sheets of metallic paper crunched up to suggest huddled bodies of prisoners — is so overpowering that it dwarfs the live actors.

Still, with all its faults, it's theatre that packs a wallop and merits your attention.

Torah workbook recalls brightness of a bygone era

By
DAVID BIRKAN

Torah Umesorah's two recently released workbook volumes in its Chumash Study Aid Series take the revolution in the presentation of traditional texts at least one step forward — or two generations back, to before the Holocaust.

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Their presentation recalls that of the Art Scroll seforim series from New York and Steinsaltz Talmud series from Jerusalem. They were colorfully designed in part to attract new readers from both longtime and recently religious circles.

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Jerusalem's subterranean attraction

Restored Herodian Quarter now is open to public

JERUSALEM —

An entire residential quarter in what used to be known as the Upper City of Jerusalem, from the time of the Herodian Dynasty, is the newest attraction available to visitors in Israel's capital.

The spacious mansions, decorated with frescoes, moulded stucco and colorful mosaic floors, were opened to the public last November for the first time since the Romans put the torch to these residences in 70 CE, thus completing the destruction of Jerusalem.

The Herodian Quarter in the Old City was excavated by Prof. Naham Avigad and scores of archaeologists and volunteers, who dug their way through more than 2,000 years of debris. They were followed by the restorers, and after years of intensive labor this splendid site has now been opened to the public.

The latest complex of archeological excavations to become accessible is a quarter of luxurious residences built in the first century BC, when King Herod the Great carried out extensive building projects that made Jerusalem one of the most resplendent cities of the times.

Restoration of the mansions had to wait until the rebuilding of two religious academies (yeshivot) on top of the excavations was completed. Now it is possible to descend seven metres below the new buildings and walk through a complex of palaces.

These mansions were located at the eastern edge of the Upper City of the time, and had a magnificent view of the huge Temple esplanade built by King Herod, and of the Mount of Olives beyond. The largest of them, covering an area of 600 square metres, still has walls standing as high as three metres — unusual for ancient remains in Jerusalem. The buildings were preserved by the pavement of a street later laid on top of them.

The mansions have an amazing array of water installations in their basements, all the more remarkable considering the shortage of water in the area. Here we find ritual baths, as well as luxurious bathrooms paved with exquisite mosaics.

This preoccupation with Jewish requirements for ritual purity, combined with the presence of more sybaritic bathrooms, leads scholars to believe that the mansions belonged to the high priests of the Temple. This belief is reinforced by the proximity of the quarter to the Temple precinct.

The interior walls of the mansions are decorated with colored frescoes and plaster imitations of dressed stones. The larger mansion had a sumptuous reception hall, measuring 11 x 6½ metres, the ceiling of which had an intricate pattern of stucco panels. These were found lying on the floor, and were used for its reconstruction.

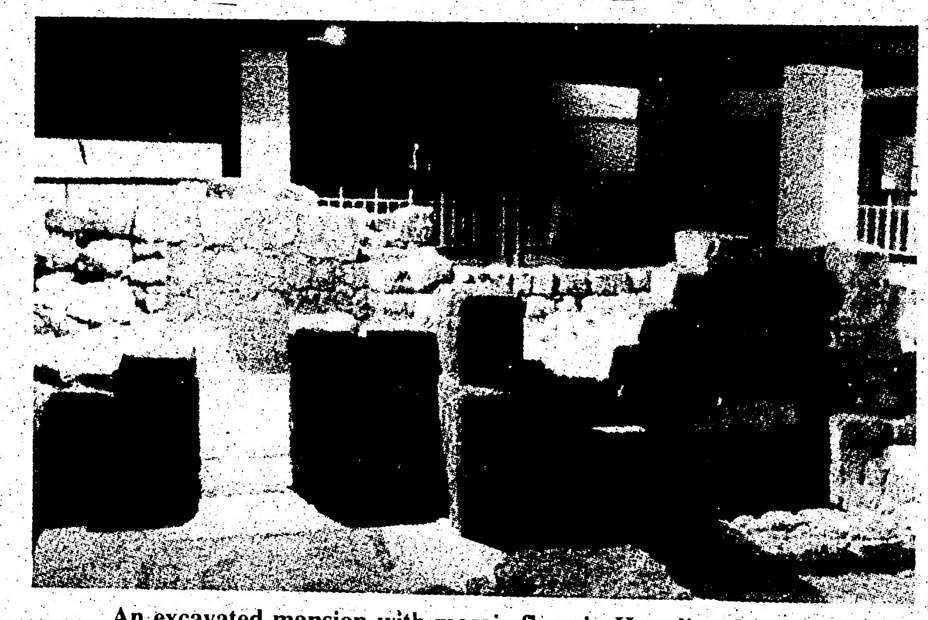
The reception hall walls were first decorated with frescoes, and later covered with plaster imitating stones. Both techniques are known from Pompeii, but there they appear in reverse chronological order. The frescoes in Herodian buildings never depict people or animals, in observation of Jewish religious laws.

Some items of furniture and utensils were found in the mansions, and they too attest to the affluence of the inhabitants. They are displayed in the excavated houses. There are high, one-legged stone tables for serving food, and low, 3-legged tables for dining — like those found elsewhere in the Roman empire.

Many of the food utensils were made of stone, which, because they were not prone to contamination, rendered them ritually pure. The glassware is especially luxurious and beautiful. One pitcher is inscribed with the name of its maker, Ennion, and is only the fourth one of its type found in the world.

Various sections of the mansions were covered with ashes and soot. Coins were also found, bearing dates of the first Jewish revolt against Rome (66-70 CE). The latest coins found are from the year 69.

The Upper City was conquered by the Romans one month after they had taken the Lower City and destroyed the Temple.



An excavated mansion with mosaic floor in Herodian Quarter.

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By CYNTHIA GASNER

TORONTO — The third and largest Sunkist Food Market was opened in Markham, Ont. recently with much fanfare. The opening program included draws for five trips for two to Acapulco, Puerto Vallarta or Cancun, Mexico.

There were more than 700 invited guests at the grand opening hosted by company president Jack Comella. The newest location, at 16th Ave. and Markham Rd., marks almost 60 years of ongoing operations in the food business for the Comella family.

Markham Mayor Carol Bell, flanked by Angelo Pugliese (left) and Jack Comella (centre) cut the ribbon at the opening of Sunkist Food Market store. Also pictured are Sam Badali and Mrs. Don Cousens.

The first Sunkist Fruit Market was opened in 1929 by Jack Comella's uncle, Sam Badali. What began as a small family-run fruit market on Danforth Ave. has grown to three full-time food stores, the president says.

In 1967, Jack Comella teamed with Angelo Pugliese to buy the Danforth Fruit Market when Badali was ready to retire.

In 1979, the partners opened their first major fruit market — a 6,500-square-foot store on Woodbine Ave., just north of Steeles.

This establishment became a favorite shopping place for people from across the city and beyond. For holidays, particularly Sukkoth, families made the trek for their fruits, vegetables and decorations.

"We introduced many new products at our Woodbine store and, in 1983, we took a major step and launched our 20,000-square-foot store in Erin Mills with a full line of products," Comella said, adding that the new store is the most innovative yet.

"Large windows allow customers to watch the food being made and know that it's fresh."

Despite the phenomenal growth of Sunkist Food Market stores over the past decade, Comella points out that "my partner Angelo still gets up every morning at 4 a.m. to go to the Ontario Food Terminal to buy fresh produce for the company.

"Angelo hand picks the products for our stores. We hope to establish ourselves as the upper scale store in Markham."

Although produce remains a feature at Sunkist, Comella says that their product lines continue to grow as "we want to run an operation second to none."

For more information about the Markham store, or the special features that will be going on for the opening, call (416) 471-0777.

Firm eyes seniors' housing

TORONTO — A new real estate venture has been launched to service the housing needs of the "55 and better age group."

Prime Life Housing Corp., launched at a recent press conference at the Royal York Hotel, will provide specially designed condominiums augmented by recreational and social services for seniors.

Four projects are currently planned by Prime Life, each located in the heart of an established Metro Toronto residential neighborhood near shopping, public transit and local amenities.

Prime Life's current projects include The Residences of Castle Hill, 60 Georgian townhouses which form part of the Castle Hill project at the foot of Casa Loma; Leaside Park, a 173-unit, 10-storey building which will be located at the southwest corner of Overlea Blvd. and Thorncliffe Park Dr., right across the street from Thorncliffe Plaza, and St. George's Mews, 74 1- and 2-bedroom suites in a condominium building attached to a new Journey's End Hotel.

A fourth project is planned in the Bathurst and Lawrence area.

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Business Outlook

He scoops the Canadian rights

Montrealer ready to scream about ice cream

By
JANICE ARNOLD

MONTREAL — Ten years ago, Ben Cohen, a dropout and pottery teacher, and Jerry Greenfield, a lab technician and failed medical student, invested $5 in an ice-cream-making correspondence course.

They scraped together $12,000 and turned a renovated gas station in Burlington, Vt. into their first ice-cream parlor.

In 1987, Ben & Jerry's — as Cohen and Greenfield's company is called — did $30 million worth of business at almost 50 parlors, as well as through retail outlets, in some 35 of the United States. It's the second or third best-selling "superpremium" ice cream in the U.S., after Haagen-Dazs and in a close race with Frusen Gladje.

This spring, Ben & Jerry's opened its first foreign ice-cream parlor in downtown Montreal, at the prime location of de Maisonneuve Blvd. near Crescent St.

Native Montrealer Ben Frank has bought the Canadian rights for Ben & Jerry's, creating the new company Ben & Jerry's Canada with partners executive vice-president Mayer Frank, his brother, and president Michael Dorfman. This first outlet is dedicated to the Franks' 80-year-old mother Molly.

Frank, chairman and chief executive officer, foresees opening more than 50 outlets across Canada, perhaps a total of 10 in the Montreal area, over the next four to five years. At least one Ben & Jerry's is expected to open in Toronto before the summer.

A few more may be company-owned, but most will be franchised. Frank said it will cost about $125,000 to start up a franchise operation.

Frank was a senior executive with Allied Stores for many years until he received a "golden handshake" after the takeover by Canadian entrepreneur Robert Campeau. As a resident of Stowe, Vt., Frank was a fan of Ben & Jerry's ice cream, which is now based in Waterbury, near Stowe.

He said he negotiated for 1½ years with Cohen and Greenfield, two boyhood buddies who originally hail from New York, before he obtained the Canadian rights. Cohen, the senior partner, who along with Greenfield, was in Montreal for the official opening of the first Canadian location, said several countries, including Israel, have approached them for the rights as well.

Calories and cholesterol are not words in Ben & Jerry's vocabulary. As you can read on the napkins, their ice cream is very rich: 15% butterfat and 3% egg yolks. It is all natural, containing no chemicals, preservatives, artificial colors or fillers. It also contains less air (17-20%) producing a literally heavy product: a litre was almost two pounds, while competitors' brands can weigh half that, it is claimed.

34 flavors available

For the time being, the ice cream will continue to be made at the 23,000 square foot plant at Waterbury, but Frank has the licence to manufacture Ben & Jerry's in Canada, as well as distribute and franchise, and intends to do so.

Flavors bear such names as Cherry Garcia (named for a rock star), Chocolate Mystic Mint and Dastardly Mash — 34 in total. The best-selling, Cohen said, is the Health Bar Crunch, a basic vanilla, chocolate or coffee ice cream with large chunks of chocolate-coated English toffee. Cohen, however, has found that Montrealers thus far prefer the New York Super Fudge Chunk. The translations into French have been tricky.

Ben & Jerry's is kosher, bearing the "Chaf K" hechscher of New Jersey, a seal that is recognized by Montreal's Vaad Hair, director Rabbi Joseph Krupnik confirmed. The only exception is the mint with Oreo cookies, Cohen said.

All this good stuff is, of course, priced accordingly, the smallest scoop will set you back $1.65, but a little goes a long way. Ben & Jerry's may eventually be sold in 500 ml containers in Canadian supermarkets, as it has in the U.S. for several years. Catering jobs may also be accepted.

Cohen and Greenfield, good as they are at making ice cream, are geniuses when it comes to marketing. They are actually the marketable product, and have been the subject of articles in leading publications such as The New York Times, the New Yorker, Esquire, Life and Time (which in 1981 described their ice cream as "the best in the world.")

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At 37, they have preserved the children of the 60s image; they are flabby, rather rumpled and laidback, millionaires ("on paper") who don't even own a suit, according to the publicity. They appear blithely unaware of the all-important bottom line. They have social conscience, donating 7% of profits to charity and limiting their own salaries (Cohen, the president, last year took home $60,000.)

They also sell T-shirts and caps and toy models of their "Cowmobile" truck. Their outlets are known as "scoop shops" and the main Vermont plant has become a tourist attraction.

At the Montreal opening, a real-life cow, Ben & Jerry's trademark black-and-white Holstein, was tied outside. Children (rather than dignitaries) representing a variety of cultural backgrounds cut the traditional ribbon.

Cohen thinks Canada is a potential hotbed for ice cream consumption, noting that people in cold areas eat it more than those in warmer climates. Frank said, "Canada has the fourth-largest per capita consumption of ice cream in the world."

He added: "Reaction to the expansion into Canada has been nothing short of fantastic. People are flooding our offices with requests for franchise information. Some of our competitors even want to transform their stores into Ben & Jerry's."

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Ketubah gets record price

JERUSALEM (JTA) — An 18th-century Italian ketubah (Jewish marriage contract) sold for a record $47,300 at Sotheby's Judaica sale here recently.

It was not only the historic value and beauty of the elaborately illuminated document, but the hint of a romantic triangle which may have accounted for the bid. It was about $16,000 higher than the best price previously offered for such an item, according to a spokesperson for the auction house.

The ketubah, dating from 1732, went to a private American collector. Decorated with birds, flowers, pillars and figures, it is "a prized possession" of "great dramatic and literary value," in the opinion of Sotheby's consultant on Jewish books and manuscripts, Professor Chimen Abramsky of University College in London.

Abramsky was able to date the ketubah and unravel its history because of a letter he had once seen containing a sharp rebuke to a leading 18th-century Kabbalist, Moshe Chaim Luzatto.

Luzatto's cousin, Stella Luzatto, whose marriage to Moshe Heilpron of Padua was recorded on the vellum page, was actually courted by the Kabbalist when she was already betrothed to her future husband.

Luzatto was severely reprimanded by his teacher, in a note which Abramsky remembered reading in a collection of Luzatto's letters.

The auction was part of the week-long Judaica Fair attended by dealers and collectors from all over the world.

The highest price paid for any one item was a $92,000 bid by an American dealer for an 18th-century German spice box depicting enamelled figures each performing a different stage of the havdalah service at the close of the Sabbath.

Mega-mall a must-see

By
DAVID LAZARUS

EDMONTON — You can't stroll through the West Edmonton Mall — You can walk briskly. You can rent a golf-cart-like vehicle to wheel you about. You can even hire one of the several rickshaws that the mall rents out to haul visitors over its 5.2-million square feet.

But don't stroll, or you'll be there for a month.

To call the West Edmonton Mall a phenomenon is to call the World Trade Centre a couple of tall buildings.

The one question you keep hearing in this city of 650,000 is: Why Edmonton?

The reply, I guess, is why not?

The Ghermezian brothers — Eskandar, Nader, Raphael and Bahman — spent a billion bucks building the mall. Critics say the mall has drained the lifeblood out of the city centre. Boosters contend that the mall has brought in unprecedented numbers of tourists. Many view the mall as kind of a ninth wonder of the world.

Whatever it is — the reclusive sibling Ghermezians, immigrant Iranian Jews, decline to grant interviews — the West Edmonton Mall must be seen to be believed.

Start with the numbers. Cost: $1 billion. In size, the space is equal to the area of 100 football fields under one roof, and is attached to a 360-room luxury hotel appropriately named The Fantasyland.

About 100,000 visitors come to gawk and shop daily, almost half from across the border.

The mall boasts more than 800 stores (including about 150 just for women's shoes, as well as two car dealerships); 110 restaurants, and 20 movie theatres.

The mall's biggest attractions, though, are the Disneyland-like features. Can you believe an artificial lake with four submarines that give visitors a view of aquatic life beneath the surface?

How about the indoor skating park, with a regulation rink used for everything from figure-skating classes to the practice site for the Edmonton Oilers? Come to the mall and watch Gretzky in action.

The extravagances are just beginning. There's an 18-hole miniature golf course, an aviary, a marina and a zoo. There's the world's largest indoor water park, with the world's largest indoor pool (ten acres) that you can surf on, or you can shoot down the 600-ft. water slide — one of 22.

The mall's biggest draw is the indoor amusement park, with 47 rides including a roller coaster that rises 16 stories high.

Besides the full range of book stores, car dealerships, pharmacies and restaurants, this place is also a clothes horse's nirvana.

One of the boulevards, a la Los Angeles' famed Rodeo Drive, carries the latest line of couturier fashions, from Ralph Lauren to Hugo Bass. Five department stores anchor the mall — Hudson's Bay, Eatons, Zellers, Sears and Woodwards — and discounted clothes are just as available. Restaurants supply fast-food fare — there are three McDonalds alone — as well as dozens of pricier, gourmet dining places.

The question that lingers, then, is: Has the West Edmonton Mall — titled variously the Pleasure Dome, Monster Mall, and the Mall That Ate Edmonton — been a bust or boom for this prairie town?

Detractors take the place to task mostly because it is just too big, bringing more browsers than buyers, not to mention killing downtown business.

The Triple Five Corporation, which built the mall, battles back with numbers. Visitors spend an average of $300.

It was this reporter's impression that whether you're a mall lover or maligner, the place is a must-see.

If you plan to go, prepare yourself. Set aside several hours to get a general feel of the place, put on your most comfortable pair of walking shoes and have a good time.

The regulation ice-skating rink under the West Edmonton Mall's dome.

Sand could neutralize acid rain: TAU scientists

By PHIL FINE

TORONTO —

The Negev may be good for more than dust storms.

Tel Aviv University scientists have found that desert sand may neutralize acid rain. The rain, mixed with pollutants from steel mills, chemical plants and oil refineries, causes extensive damage to crops, forests and fishlife.

The scientists, whose work is part of a joint West German-Israeli project, believe desert sand can neutralize acid rain by making it alkaline. The sand itself, in the form of dust particles, is mixed with raindrops after dust storms.

West Germany is eager to solve the problem of acid rain which is especially acute in the southern part of that country.

The scientists hope to use their finding both to learn more about acid rain and to find a cure for it.

But a prominent Canadian environmental critic and the Canadian Coalition on Acid Rain have both termed the Tel Aviv U finding impractical.

Prof. Tom Hutchinson of the University of Toronto's Institute of Environmental Studies told The Canadian Jewish News he didn't think there would be any rush in Canada to buy sand from the Negev desert.

And, Adele Hurley, an executive co-ordinator of The Canadian Coalition on Acid Rain, says she couldn't imagine bombing Canada's 1,400 biologically dead lakes with sand. The move, she said, belongs in the same category as the proposal from businesspeople that limestone be dumped on highly acidic lakes.

"For every bad thing in life, there's someone who wants to make a bundle on it," Hurley said. "I just think desert sand applied to North American lakes is beyond the pale."

Hurley told The CJN that it's more important to deal with acid rain by stopping it at the source than by trying to neutralize it with sand and limestone.

Hutchinson said that people do turn scientific discoveries to practical account but added he didn't think this would be the case of the Tel Aviv U finding.

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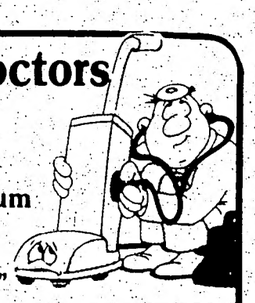

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